

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Sarah Nolan, Director of Student Services
TO: District 301 Board of Education and Dr. Powell, Interim Superintendent
DATE: May 14, 2025
RE: Best Buddies Overnight Trip

Our Best Buddies sponsor, Mrs. Tauer, is requesting that the Vice President (Riley Penar) from our CHS program attend the Best Buddies Leadership Conference at Indiana University on July 18th - July 21st. The students will be staying in the dorms at the university. Leadership conference staff will supervise the students in the dorms and during the conference. The students will be transported on a bus round trip to/from Chicago Union Station. Transportation is provided by the Best Buddies organization.

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Best Buddies Leadership Conference (BBLC) unites Best Buddies leaders, volunteers, and community advocates from around the globe to imagine, create, lead and empower the future of the disability rights and inclusion movement. Over the past 30 years, BBLC has inspired thousands of leaders to be Best Buddies advocates and to bring about social change in their communities.

This conference experience will offer opportunities to learn from professional presenters, participate in small group discussions, engage with experts, and choose from a diverse variety of education sessions that will inform, inspire, and advance your role in the disability rights movement. Best Buddies is working on finalizing a daily itinerary for the leadership conference weekend and will be sharing that in the upcoming weeks with students and families.