

**Ector County Independent School District  
Odessa, Texas**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools  
**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE  
TRAVEL FOR AUSTIN MONTESSORI**  
**DATE:** January 20, 2009

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Austin Montessori Magnet requests permission for two students to travel to Washington, DC for the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference from March 28 through April 2, 2009. Two sixth grade students have been nominated for this conference. This type of conference allows students to develop interpersonal skills as well as self-reliance and problem solving skills. This will also build self-esteem, provide leadership experiences, and help develop life-long practices in community leadership.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Austin Montessori trip to Washington, DC.

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Respectfully submitted,

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