

# Zionsville Community Schools

*Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”*

**CONSENT AGENDA • Date: May 11, 2026**

## Out-of-State Field Trip

**Category:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Services <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</span>

**Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:**

Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Facts of this Matter:**

ZWMS teachers Andrew Kistner, Dylan Lewis, Maddie Edwards and Megan Brenton are requesting to organize a 2 day/1 night trip to Cincinnati, Ohio to attend the Kings Island Music Festival on May 7-8, 2027. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra will be participating in this event. The students will perform for ratings, comments and awards by a panel of trained musical adjudicators and then spend a considerable amount of free time at Kings Island before the awards ceremony and the trip back home to Zionsville.

Transportation	All Travel arrangements will be handled through Music Travel Consultants, a nationwide leader in student travel. We will be traveling in motor coaches.
Parent permission obtained	Parents will sign their child up for trip on Music Travel Consultants Website.
Cost to students/families	Approximately \$400-450/student spread out in five installments.
About supervision	We are projecting a 10:1 student to chaperone ratio. That puts one chaperone in charge of two rooms in the hotel. We will make sure that all chaperones have a full background check. We will also have check-in times at Kings Island, and a process where students can receive assistance at all times while in the park.

**Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:** The musical benefits of this trip are tremendous for our kids. They are able to see how other groups perform from around the country and how their achievement level compares with those other groups. Not only this, but they receive comments, instruction, and encouragement from nationally recognized musicians

and teachers. This trip should prove to be quite an interesting and exciting educational experience.

**Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:** There are many factors that will make it impossible for every member of the Orchestra to attend this festival. There is no weekend where there isn't some conflict. Some parents may not feel comfortable sending their children on an overnight trip. There may be some financial issues with some families. We intend to use all of our resources, to the best of our ability, to have as many of our students participate as possible.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

This trip is recommended for approval.

**Financial Implications, if any:** The cost of this trip will be approximately \$400-450/student. Chaperones will cost a little bit more. Music Travel Consultants has an online registration and payment system that makes paying for the trip safe and convenient. After registering, the payments can be spread out into five installments. We intend to use funds from our fundraiser to help out families of hard-working students who may be unable to afford to have their child participate in this experience. Our goal is to have as many students participate as possible.