

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for Pasadena Memorial High School and Dobie High School to travel to Bloomington, Indiana, on June 21-28, 2025, to attend the International Thespian Competition and Festival.

BACKGROUND: We seek permission for twelve (12) PMHS and six (6) DHS students to travel to Bloomington, Indiana, to compete at the national level for theatre. These students competed at the Texas Thespian Competition in the category of duet acting, and group acting. These students earned a superior rating qualifying them to compete at the national level, to attend and compete at the National Thespian Competition and Festival on June 21-28, 2025

This is a chance for our students to compete with students from across the nation and recognize PISD. Not only will students participate in the competition, but they will also have access to workshops given by professionals in the theatre and film world, a chance to meet with and learn about colleges across the nation, and a chance to watch productions from schools that were selected as the top in the nation. Based on last year's attendees of the trip, over \$100,000 in scholarships were offered to our students.

Student attendees and three theater directors will travel via airplane and rental car. Chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced.

Note: If needed, a contingency plan for travel and health advisories will be followed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The district's financial impact is approximately \$42,000. District-level funds will be utilized to help fund the competition.

The cost of registration for all persons involved will be a total of \$23,100. This includes the competition fee, workshop and festival registration of workshops and performances, plus room and board. The estimated flight cost from Houston Hobby to Indianapolis is \$700. Vehicle rental for the week is estimated at \$2,000 for three SUVs to fit all persons and luggage.

All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Pasadena Independent School District policy.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for Pasadena Memorial High School and Dobie High School to travel to Bloomington, Indiana, on June 21-28, 2025, to attend the International Thespian Competition and Festival.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025