

**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Date: July 22, 2019
To: Board of Trustees
From: Jason Marshall
Subject: Out of State Trip for PHS Choir

The Palestine High School Mixed Choir has been selected among many qualified applicants to participate in the 2020 Festival at Carnegie Hall. The choir has been chosen to perform in the world-renowned music venue, Carnegie all collaboration with the finest school-aged singers in the United States and beyond. If granted permission to attend, students would leave March 13, 2020 and return March 17, 2020.

This event is sure to be a thrilling educational and memorable experience for the choir students. The students would get to rehearse and sing in Carnegie Hall under the direction of world renowned conductors, Jessica Napoles and Anton Armstrong. The students would also get to visit the Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial, and see an age appropriate Broadway Show while in New York.

There are 17 families completely on board, 2 have monetary concerns, and 1 student has health concerns. The cost is \$2000 per student (20 students) and \$2400 per chaperone (7 chaperones). The cost includes airfare, food, travel, hotel, and insurance. Parents have fundraising planned and are ready to go with board approval. The parents/students are also willing to work as a team to ensure all students have an opportunity to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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