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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Scott Mason
Date: February 16, 2015
cc: Dr. Mike Waldrip, Mr. Mike Jasso, Dr. Leanne Shivers

Re: Proposed March 11, 2016 to March 17, 2016

The Coppell High School Band would like to request approval for a Marching and Concert Bands trip to London over Spring Break of 2016. The purpose of the trip would be to give our students the opportunity to perform in the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade in London and perform a concert in the Westminster Abbey Hall. This would be a great opportunity for positive national and international attention to be brought to our school district and city. Additionally our learners would experience some of the greatest historical museums in the world. The St. Patrick's Day Parade would be televised in Europe and is a contest. The concert at Westminster Abbey Hall is not a contest. Students would enjoy creating music for the pleasure of the listener and performer. Learners would be given the opportunity to see firsthand the culture and history of London and many other parts of the world. Mr. Mason would make at least one preview trip this year to make final arrangements on the ground transportation in London, hotel, performance sites and museums.

Presently students will be able to tour Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, the British Museum, the National Gallery, the National History Museum, Wallace Museum and Globe Theatre. There may be more sites added to the list after Mr. Mason's preview trip to London. Students will also be allowed to attend other performances and attractions with a chaperone. Some of the sites that students could visit without the entire group would be plays at the Piccadilly Circus, Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. Learners would be exposed to hundreds of years of art, history, architecture, religion, customs, museums, literature and culture.

We would depart on Friday afternoon March 11th to arrive in London on the morning of March 12th. Some students may miss part of a day of school depending upon the time of their flight. We would visit museums and other sites on Saturday, March 12th. On Sunday, March 13th, we would participate in the London St. Patrick's Day Parade and also tour parts of London. Monday and Tuesday March 14th and 15th, we would tour museums and other sites during the day and have rehearsals at night in preparation for our concert. On Wednesday, March 16th, we would tour in the morning and then go back to the hotel after lunch to prepare for the concert that night at Westminster Abbey Hall. We would fly home on the morning of March 17th and arrive back at DFW late in the afternoon or evening.

The cost of the trip would be paid for by the individual students and additional fund raisers by the band and band boosters. Presently the cost per student is around \$2,875 for triple occupancy. Students will be given several opportunities to raise the funds for this trip. We hope that around three hundred students will attend the trip with an additional several hundred parents. Our band and color guard will be involved in the parade and four bands for the concert. There will be one chaperone per every ten students and all directors of the high school band program will attend.

According to Board Policy FMG (Local), "International trips shall require the approval of the principal, the assistant superintendent for business and support services, the Superintendent, and the Board."