

TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education Members

FROM: Jeffrey Kenas

RE: FPS World Championships - Bloomington, IN

DATE: April 21st, 2025

Dear Waunakee BOE and Dr. Kelsey Brown,

High school and middle school advisors Janell Dorn and Jamie Sercombe are asking permission to plan an overnight out-of-state trip for the students who qualified to attend the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) World Championships held in Bloomington, IN on June 4th - 8th. Lodging, travel, and other details for the group is still being determined.

Janell and Jamie have undertaken the responsibilities of coordinating trips and traveling with large numbers of students on numerous previous occasions. They have shown that they are well versed in the process and navigating the details to ensure a safe and educational experience for our students. Our district can feel confident that Janell and Jamie will ensure all necessary health, insurance, and safety requirements will be attended to and communicated with families.

We are aware that the BOE policy 352-Rule (2) allows for students at the middle school level to attend field trips out of state, with your approval. As such, we are asking for permission to allow our HS and MS students to attend the FPS World Championships in Bloomington, IN. This trip is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase the skills they have learned while competing with students from all over the country. Additionally, this provides students with a real world experience we cannot offer in the classroom.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of our students. We ask for your continued support for our middle school staff and students and we look to provide opportunities for enrichment and learning that extend beyond the classroom.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kenas – Middle School Principal