

14 September, 2022

To the Vicksburg Community Schools Board of Education:

We are requesting Board approval to take 18 FFA members to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 26-29. Attached is a copy of the information packet that will be distributed to students for this experience. Here is a brief summary:

- Who: FFA members (KRESA and Vicksburg chapters)
- What: FFA National Convention
- When: October 26-29, departing VHS at 8:00 am on Wednesday October 26 and returning by 5:00 pm on Saturday October 29
- Where: Conference at the Indiana Convention Center; staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Indianapolis Airport
- Why: Educational sessions, college and career fair, networking, career exploration field trips, and leadership training
- How: traveling by 2 VCS van driven by FFA advisors; students pay the cost, scholarship funds are available so that no student is excluded. FFA jackets are provided for students who do not have their own.

This has proven to be an extremely valuable experience for students, exposing them to a broad range of college and career options, and engaging them in FFA opportunities to promote premier leadership, personal development and career success.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us: nheikes@vicksburgschools.org and mschlabach@vicksburgschools.org. In addition, you may wish to consider participating in next year's National Convention Experience, in which you can travel to the Convention by bus and spend a day discovering some of the amazing opportunities available to our student members. If you are interested, please contact us by mid-September so that arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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