SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September   **Agenda #** _____

Staff/Administrator: Kelly Turner   **Superintendent:** Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational*   [X] *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I am asking for permission to travel out of state to Seattle, Washington to make a presentation at the annual Conference for Washing and Oregon Foreign Language Teachers (COFLT/WAFLT). I depart October 8, 2010 at 6:30 and return October 9, 9 pm. In addition to making my presentation I plan to attend numerous workshops designed to improve my knowledge and skills in foreign Language Instruction.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

This presentation is the result of a preliminary case study I did this summer while I was leading a workshop for rural Mexican teachers. I was able to interview 11 students, two administrators, a teacher and a set of parents regarding issues revolving the adaption to Mexican schools and culture by students who received most of their education in the US. 80% of these student were American citizens and plan to return to the US in the future.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This represents the culmination of two years of professional development. For the past two years I have worked in Morelos, Mexico as a professional development for the instruction of English in rural Middle Schools. My observations regarding the educational needs of migrant children who return to Mexico due to the failing economy and change in immigration policy. I am not asking for funds from the district, just permission from the board to travel out of state.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The total cost of participation in the conference is $510. This includes travel, lodging and conference registration. I have applied for professional development funds.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Superintendent's recommendation(s):   **Approve:** Yes [X]   No ☐