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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Gerry Miller and Kim Shuttlesworth
Date: March 11, 2025
Cc: Brad Hunt, Diana Sircar
Re: **Band Trip to Ireland – Spring Break 2026**

The Coppell HS Band has received the prestigious invitation to perform as part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland. The dates of the trip would be as follows:

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – fly from Dallas to Dublin, Ireland
Sunday, March 15, 2026 – arrive in Dublin, sightseeing tour
Monday, March 16, 2026 – visit Christchurch Cathedral and the EPIC Museum
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – march in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – visit the Cliffs of Moher
Thursday, March 19, 2026 – visit Kilkenny and a farewell dinner
Friday, March 20, 2026 – fly from Dublin back to Dallas

Please note that the entire trip spans Spring Break in March of 2026.
As a result, no students will be missing from class.

The invitation to perform in the St. Patrick's Day Parade is incredibly prestigious. The committee invites bands from the United States, Canada, Asia, and Europe. The Coppell HS Band last performed in this parade in 2004 under the direction of Mr. Scott Mason.

The total trip cost for students is set at between \$3,495 and \$3,575 depending on hotel room occupancy. For students/families who wish to provide their own airfare, the trip cost is \$1,250.

This trip is optional for students. While all students will be encouraged to attend, there may be some who are unable to do so for a variety of reasons. Because this is a large-format marching band event, woodwind, brass, percussion, and color guard students who are unable to make the trip will not impact the quality of the ensemble representing Coppell ISD.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommends that the Coppell HS Band perform in the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin Ireland.