

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

January 13, 2019

Subject:

Out-of-State Trip
Special Ed – Washington DC

Presenter:

Jen Heebink
BHS Special Education Teacher

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Request preliminary approval

DESCRIPTION:

Dates: February 9-12, 2020

The purpose of the Capitol Hill Day trip to Washington D.C. is to share the power that Unified PE/Bison Connection:Unified Club has had at Buffalo High School and advocate for the re-signing of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Bill.

- *A student with and without disabilities (a Unified Pair) will travel with Jen Heebink to Washington D.C.*
- *The pair (Aubrey and Mya) and Jen will have a 2-3 hour workshop on how to speak with senators to share their Buffalo High School/Unified stories and how it has shaped the culture at BHS.*
- *The students and Jen will work together to practice and get ready for Capitol Hill Day 2020*
- *During the workshop, the group will meet and network with Unified Pairs/staff along with Special Olympics staff from around the United States.*
- *On Capitol Hill Day, the students and Jen will make appointments and meet with Senators to share their Buffalo High School Unified stories and advocate for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Bill that helps fund opportunities for people with and without disabilities to complete together and continue what is happening at Buffalo High School across the United States.*
- *Site seeing memorials and museums that are a big part of United States History.*

A Special Olympics representative, Melissa Holmes, along with her two daughters will be meeting us at the airport and begin traveling with us as additional MN representatives.

Costs: All costs covered by Special Olympics

TRANSPORTATION:

- Students will be responsible for their own transportation to the airport.
- Jen will meet Unified Pair at the airport.
- The group will travel by plane on February 9th to Washington D.C.
- Once in Washington D.C., the students will work with Special Olympics to travel to the hotel (public transportation or bus), around town and back to the airport on February 12th
- Students' families will pick them up at the airport and take them home.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Form 610 Out-of-State Trip
- Trip Itinerary