

**Ector County Independent School District  
Odessa, TX**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Wendell Sollis, Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL  
FOR THE ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR [BG-F,G]**

**DATE:** August 15, 2006

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The Odessa High School Choir has received an invitation to perform in the Linz International Choral Festival in Linz, Austria. The OHS Choir will combine with other outstanding choirs from across the United States to perform a major musical work accompanied by a professional orchestra. The choir will also travel to Prague, Czechoslovakia, Salzburg, Austria, Cesky Krumlov, Czechoslovakia, and Vienna, Austria. The choir will visit numerous historical sites including Mozart's birthplace. Vienna is also the setting for the musical "The Sound of Music."

The dates of the trip will be June 7 – June 18, 2007 and no school will be missed. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$3000 per person. Numerous fund-raisers will be provided for students to raise the money.

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It is recommended that the Odessa High School Choir Trip to Austria and Czechoslovakia be approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Wendell Sollis**  
Superintendent

**Randy Talley**  
Executive Director for Fine Arts