



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Feb. 21, 2018 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Sarah Burstein

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

I am requesting approval for out of state travel for a field trip for my Ecology classes to Jedediah Smith State Park in Hiouchi, CA on March 22, 2018.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Students will participate in a field trip led by park rangers examining the ecology of redwood forests. Students are studying forest ecology second semester. We will also spend a week prior to the field trip on the redwood forest specifically. The field trip will include two class periods. There is also potential to travel to the coast for tidepooling, however I am still looking into if these aspect is feasible with the time it takes to travel by bus.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Students will experience class content first hand. We are fortunate to be located relatively closely to the Redwood State and National Parks-this is an opportunity for students to visit a very unique ecosystem. Additionally, I have \$100 for transportation costs from a PD opportunity last summer (August Institute) to help defer some of the travel costs.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

It is a slow, windy bus ride to the park, and even longer to the coast.

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

Alternatives include field trips to other locations. They are not recommended because a) we are already going on another field trip to Crater Lake National Park and b)students chose redwoods from a list of options.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No