

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for J. Frank Dobie High School JROTC team members to travel to The Nationals, a national high school drill competition in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 30, 2026 – May 5, 2026.

BACKGROUND: J. Frank Dobie AFJROTC squad requests permission for four (4) students to travel to Daytona Beach, Florida to compete in The Nationals, a national high school drill competition. The National High School Drill Team Championships remain the most famous Junior ROTC military drill & ceremony competition in the world. This all-service competition takes place in Daytona Beach, Florida and brings together most of the nation's finest performance military drill units from throughout the United States. This rigorous master level competition would be the culminating event for our cadets offering an opportunity of a lifetime. The Nationals competition promotes the value of vision beyond the trophy.

Four (4) cadets led by SMSgt. Everett B. Valdez, TXANG (ret) and one (1) chaperone will attend this event. Participants will travel via ground transportation to Florida. All chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties prior to the trip. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced. All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Business Office Procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Campus based funds designated for the J. Frank Dobie AFJROTC Program will be used to fund the students. The approximate cost per participant is approximately \$2,000, not to exceed \$8,000 total for the trip. All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Business Office Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for possible approval for J. Frank Dobie High School JROTC team members to travel to The Nationals, a national high school drill competition in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 30, 2026 – May 5, 2026.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025