

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: May 11, 2026

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip ZMS 7th Grade PLTW - Orlando

Category:

<u> </u> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<u> </u> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
<u> </u> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<u> X </u> Student Services <u> </u> Board Policy
<u> </u> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<u> </u> Community Relations <u> </u> Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<u> X </u>
Discussion	<u> </u>
Report	<u> </u>

Facts of this Matter:

1. Where/When: Orlando, FL – Nov. 19-21, 2026
2. Who: ZMS 7th Grade PLTW Students who register (optional trip); ~1 chaperone for every 10 students. (PLTW teachers are priority chaperones)
3. Why: 7th grade PLTW students learn about flight and space. This trip would center around the Kennedy Space Center for an experiential opportunity to connect their curriculum to real-time advancements in the field of flight and space.
4. Administrator approving: ZMS Assistant Principal, Craig Callahan

Transportation	Flight from Indianapolis to ORL (roundtrip); buses while in ORL.
Parent Permission Obtained	Permission slips will be collected by the school
Cost to Students/Families	Approximate cost is \$1,900 per student. This includes airfare and transportation, hotel accommodations, most meals included, all gratuities, and guided tours and activities. Fundraising opportunities will be available for students to individually raise money to offset the cost of the trip. Financial assistance opportunities can be made available for individual situations
About Supervision	~1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones will consist of PLTW teachers since this is a PLTW trip. Additional chaperones will consist of ZMS staff and potentially parents as well depending on the number of students attending. Any

	parents attending as chaperone will be required to have a background check on file with the school.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	Students can cancel for any reason 60 days prior to the trip for a refund.
Any Additional Information	There will be seating charts for airplanes, buses, and assigned hotel rooms, with assigned chaperones throughout the trip to keep students safe and accountable.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will gain experiential knowledge of the topics they learn in 7th grade PLTW in addition to seeing and experiencing the city of Orlando, FL.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Price and distance to Orlando, FL may deter some students/families from participating. Students will miss two school days.

Financial Implications, if any:

Approximate cost is \$1,900 per student. This includes:

- airfare and transportation
- hotel accommodations
- some meals provided
- all gratuities
- guided tours and activities.

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Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.