

# Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State SMS Orchestra

December 8, 2015

## **SUMMARY:**

- This item requests approval of a request by the Strickland Middle School Orchestra for travel to the Director's Choice Showcase of Music in Austin and San Antonio, Texas, May 20-22, 2016.

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Travel approval is requested for 73 students and 15 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled charter bus.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have instrumental skills evaluated.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the orchestra organization; no DISD funds will be used.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- Students will miss one day of classes.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- The campus will provide a substitute teacher for one day.

## **BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

- Passage will allow ample time for fundraising activities and completing reservations.

## **PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

- None

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- No alternative actions are proposed.

## **OTHER COMMENTS:**

- Board policy requires board approval of such travel two months in advance.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

- Recommend approval of the SMS Orchestra request for permission to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Showcase of Music in Austin and San Antonio, Texas, May 20-22, 2016.

## **STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

## **ATTACHMENT:**

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activities
- Itinerary

## **APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_