BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Information/Discussion	
Future Action	
Action	

Item: Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Competition

Submitted by: Joe Lienesch Date: 9/11/2023

Recommended by: Ron Gorman Board Meeting Date: 9/18/2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting permission for four (4) students and two (2) advisors attend the National FFA (Future Farmers of America) Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on Wednesday, November 1 thru Friday, November 3, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Our KCTC Agriscience for Plants and Animals students are members of the Michigan FFA. In April 2023 several of our students competed in a statewide career development event in Lansing, Michigan. Four of our students performed at a level high enough to quality them to compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 1-3, 2023.

These students prepared for the statewide event by learning extensive plant identification, how to diagnose plant diseases and insect damage, landscape tool identification, pruning techniques and landscape design and interpretation. Our students earned first and second place as teams, and a gold award status. In addition, four students received first, third, fifth and eighth place competing against students from around the State of Michigan.

The students we would like to send to this prestigious event, representing the State of Michigan, are current students who will be registered as substitutions for our program graduates. This is allowable by FFA processes.