

To the members of the Board and Superintendent Laws:

This document will serve as a reference justification for our 3/10-3/11 travel request.

Allowing our Dance team the opportunity to stay overnight for our Halftime Hoorah competition will give our dancers the confidence to compete while providing chances to practice time management, travel etiquette and teamwork. The unpredictable nature of Basketball game timing creates a challenge when traveling the day of our performance. Should any unforeseen situations arise they might jeopardize the chances for our team to perform since the event is not on a typical competition schedule. The NMAA has granted us the opportunity to compete at this competition to help fulfill our State Championship expectations.

This season has presented our team with challenges beyond our control and our Dancers have shown resilience, poise and determination. The NMAA Halftime Hoorah competition allows our dancers to compete on the State performance floor prior to the State Championship. This allows our Dancers the opportunity to gain experience and confidence after a very challenging season.

In addition to the concerns above, traveling overnight helps our team develop other relevant skills. Proper travel etiquette is a skill that our dancers will be able to use both now and later in their lives. Problem resolution and communication skills can also be practiced during times of travel, especially while ordering food or in times when hotel accommodations need attention. The high caliber of competitive teams at this competition will also help prepare our team for their State competition on March 22nd. Our team will use this competition to meet the NMAA requirements to compete at the state level. Staying overnight will also combat travel fatigue giving our dancers the ability to defend our 3rd place position in the category of Military dance and possibly push us to the next level competitively.

I am grateful for the support our team has received from the district over my years of service and am hopeful to meet the considerations of the board for this proposed trip.

Thank you,

Sarah Cruz
Varsity Dance Coach