

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVI, MICHIGAN**
January 22, 2026

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

TOPIC: One-Act State Finals

This trip would be for the One Act State Finals, held this year at St. Johns HS in St. Johns, MI, February 13-14, 2026. This competition was held at Wayne State University for the last two years, and it was believed that it would be again, but now we know of the move.

This form is clearly not before the 12-week cut-off for an overnight trip, but I hope for a dispensation if possible. St. Johns is 1.5 hours away on good roads, and in the middle of February, good roads cannot be counted on. Novi currently has one show that has qualified for the State Finals - a 15-minute play that qualified at last week's State Thespian Festival - and will know whether the full One Act qualifies on 1/31/26.

Should both take part, there will be one each day. Should we need to travel back and forth to Novi, my concern, in addition to potential road conditions, is the sleep that kids will lose by not staying close to the competition site. The trip is being coordinated by Ms. Heather McKaig, sponsor and NHS teacher, who will be accompanying the group of 30 students along with 2 chaperones. The students will pay \$100.00 to cover the cost of the hotel, food, and money during the trip.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Novi Community School District Board of Education approve the trip for the NHS One-Act Play State Finals, February 13-14, 2026, at St John's High School in St Johns, MI, as presented.

**APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED
FOR BOARD ACTION**



Benjamin Mainka, Superintendent