

**DUNLAP COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #323**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**February 18, 2026**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**TO:** Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent  
Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Dustin Hess, Principal  
Dunlap Valley Middle School

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Dunlap Middle School

**SUBJECT:** Approval of out-of-state trip to Washington DC for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

That the Board of Education approve an out-of-state trip to Washington D.C. for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for June 2nd through June 6th, 2027.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In alignment with the District's mission to empower students to excel in a global society, middle school principals recommend that DVMS and DMS 8th grade students be given the opportunity to visit our nation's capital.

The proposed tour is scheduled for June 2 through June 6, 2027 (5 days / 4 nights). The cost of the trip is \$1,399 per student and is fully covered by participating families. This cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, hotel security, a professional tour guide, admission to all museums and attractions, and gratuities.

This experience has consistently proven to be a valuable educational opportunity for 8th grade students. If approved, this trip would mark the thirteenth consecutive year of the Washington, D.C. experience.

Planned historical and cultural sites may include the U.S. Capitol Building; Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean War, and WWII Memorials; George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens; the Pentagon; Smithsonian Museums; the Holocaust Museum; the Jefferson, FDR, and MLK Memorials; Arlington National Cemetery; and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Both middle schools have procedures in place that ensure all students have the opportunity to attend the trip regardless of financial need.