



To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees
From: Karen Ruth
Date: September 8, 2019

cc: Amy Stroh, Carol Snowden, Cindi Osborne, Laura Springer, Joey Peterman & Shanna Sheffield

Re: Proposed Scotland Trip May 31, 2020 to June 8, 2020

The Coppel High School Theater Department and Drama Club would like to request approval for a trip to Scotland right after graduation in late May and early June 2020. The purpose of the trip would be to give our students the opportunity to participate in workshops and theatre tours in the home of the Fringe Festival - the world's leading theatre festival - Edinburgh, Scotland. Students will participate in workshops with the Scottish Youth Theatre and Edinburgh Playhouse. This would be a great opportunity for our learners to experience current theater life in Scotland, and understand how professional theaters work at an international level. Additionally our learners would experience some backstage tours and see three performances: one at the Edinburgh Playhouse, one at the King's Theater, and one at the Pitlochry Theatre Festival. Learners would also be given the opportunity to see firsthand the rich culture, history, and folklore of Scotland. Students will visit Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, the Kelvingrove art gallery, Loch Lomond, the Cairngorms National Park, have a Glasgow city tour, and more. Learners would be exposed to hundreds of years of art, history, architecture, religion, customs, museums, and culture.

We would depart Sunday night, May 31st, and arrive in Edinburgh the next morning. We would return from Scotland on Tuesday, June 8th and be back home in Dallas that evening. As the trip is after graduation, students will not miss any days of school. The cost of the trip would be paid for by the students and parents themselves. Historically, CHS Theatre has gone this route for the past 4 years with our trips to New York, London and Orlando. No fundraising would be done by the Theater Department or CHS Theater Boosters. Presently the cost per student is around \$3,500 for double occupancy. Mrs. Ruth will be attending as sponsor, plus 1-2 parents who will serve as chaperones. We expect around 20 to 25 people to attend total, although this may increase. If it does increase to 30, we will add an Assistant Principal from CHS as a chaperone per CISD requirements. We would like to request either Sean Bagley, Melissa Arnold, or Cindi Osborne, should this become a necessity. According to Board Policy FMG (Local), "International trips shall require the approval of the principal, the assistant superintendent for business and support services, the Superintendent, and the Board."

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Trustees approve travel to Scotland for the Coppel High School Theater Department and Drama Club.