

TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
WCSD Board Members

FROM: Jeff Kenas

RE: Skills USA Nationals Trip

DATE: April 22nd, 2025

Mr. David Burgard, WCSD Technical Educational Teacher and Skills USA advisor for the middle school, is requesting permission to take three students to the Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA, from June 23rd through June 28th of 2025. The students earned the honor to compete at this conference as a result of their outstanding performance at the state level competition.

Mr. Burgard and his Skills USA students continue to not only perform well, but represent our district in a positive manner. Their hard work, collaborative spirit, and willingness to persevere through problem solving challenges exemplifies what we want to see from our students. As a result, I completely support this trip, and hope that you will see this as a great opportunity for these students to continue to hone their skills while also representing our district on a national stage.

Mr. Burgard has taken care of making arrangements for accommodations and travel, and any necessary fundraising that needs to be done to support this trip. Additional funding will come from the school and the families of the students. Our students understand the expectations that come with representing our school, and I do not have any reasons to be concerned that these students will not do the best to model students and citizens while they are taking part in this trip.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Burgard with any additional questions you may have regarding this trip. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeffrey Kenas
Principal - Waunakee Community Middle School