

**Consider approval of student and employee out-of-state travel  
December 18, 2023**

1. Background:

The Uvalde High School Varsity Los Coyotes Mariachi has been invited to perform in two concerts with the Boulder Chorale in Boulder, Colorado. The Artistic Director for Boulder Chorale read in *Rolling Stone* Magazine about the group winning the 2023 UIL State Mariachi Festival and has invited the group to perform the last weekend in April 2024, featuring music from Mexico.

2. Process:

The Boulder Chorale is extending an opportunity for the Uvalde High School Varsity Los Coyotes Mariachi to visit the Boulder community to celebrate music and the arts, bringing JOY to all who participate and an incredible experience for the students. This experience allows students to visit Boulder, Colorado, the University of Colorado, Museum of Contemporary Art and perform with a professional-level choir ensemble. This would be an opportunity of a lifetime for our students.

The out-of-state travel request is for Tuesday, April 23rd - Monday, April 29th. The itinerary would include the following:

Tuesday, April 23rd: Travel Day, Rehearsal, Dinner with Boulder Chorale  
Wednesday, April 24th: Rehearsal, Lamont High School (clinic between the two high school Mariachi groups)  
Thursday, April 25th: Rehearsal and Tour of the University of Colorado  
Friday, April 26th: Rehearsal & Concert at the Center for Musical Arts  
Saturday, April 27th: Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art tour, Rehearsal & Concert  
Sunday, April 28th: Rehearsal & Concert  
Monday, April 29th: Travel Day

3. Fiscal Impact:

Dr. Vicki Burchichter, Artistic Director, has secured funding to cover roundtrip airfare, shuttle, hotel accommodations, and meals for the UHS Varsity Los Coyotes Mariachi, a group of 19 students, to include four chaperones and the Director of Mariachi.

A district representative will attend with the group to be the official spokesperson for our students at the event. However, the cost of the district representative will be at the District's expense.

4. Recommendation:

Administration recommends the approval of the Uvalde High School Varsity Los Coyotes Mariachi, Director of Mariachi, and a district representative to travel out of state to perform with the Boulder Chorale with the generosity of the Boulder Chorale Board of Directors covering roundtrip airfare, shuttle, hotel accommodations, and meals for 19 students, four chaperones, and the Director of Mariachi.

5. Action Required:

Board approval is required.

6. Contact Person:

Albert Martinez, Director of Performing Arts & Mariachi

# BOULDER CHORALE



November 29, 2023

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Attention: Anne Marie Espinoza, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing

Dear Ms. Espinoza:

The Boulder Chorale Board of Directors and I would like to invite Mariachi Los Coyotes to perform with us the last weekend of April 2024 for our two concerts of music from Mexico. This is an opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate what only music and the arts can do which is to bring JOY to all who participate and all who are in the audience. It's also an opportunity for the Uvalde students to see more of our country here in Colorado, visit the University of Colorado, and to have exciting experiences with a professional-level chorus.

The trip will include roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, meals, a tour of the University of Colorado and a perform with The Boulder Chorale has been the flagship choral organization in Boulder and the surrounding area for 58 years and is composed of a 90-voice Concert Chorale and a 40-voice Chamber Chorale.

I have been the Artistic Director for 8 years, and I have brought much more diversity to the chorus. For example, we have done a concert of Hindustani music with musicians from Northern India and Nepal, a program of Brazilian music with full samba band and percussion bateria, a program of Arabic music with musicians from Egypt. Next summer of 2024, I am conducting the chorus at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Boulder Chorale organization also has five children's choruses, so we are dedicated to, and love, young people!

I hope your wonderful students will be able to join us. We would be deeply honored!

Respectfully,

Dr. Vicki Burrichter, Artistic Director