



DEFINING EXCELLENCE

Board Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Title: Spain 2027- International Travel Request - Edina High School Band - Paul Kile

Type: Consent

Presenters: Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Jenn Carter, Edina High School Assistant Principal

Background: In accordance with Policy 538, the following international student travel experience for up to 80 students for 7 days in March/April (Edina's Spring break) has received support from the school's administration. Participating students will miss one school day for this Spring travel experience and have agreed to forego their Spring break vacation in order to serve as ambassadors for Edina.

This experience is coordinated by Grand Tours.

Summary of Travel Experience: The Edina Concert Band will represent Edina and Minnesota in an exciting tour of Spain. Students will perform concerts in stunning venues, experience local Spanish culture and make new international friends through shared performance experiences. Students will fly to Barcelona and travel to Mount Juic and experience a dinner cruise with Los Golondrinas to experience the Barcelona skyline. After time sightseeing, a performance, and experiencing Barcelona, students will travel to Valencia, one of the great band capitals of Europe, where they will perform a shared concert and share paella with Spanish band students. Valencia hosts an International Band Competition each year, drawing bands from all over the world. Students will then travel to Toledo and Madrid while also taking in Segovia and performing in Segovia and close their tour in Madrid with an evening Flamenco performance.

Cost: The anticipated inclusive cost of this experience is approximately \$4600 per student. This price includes all transportation, accommodations, travel & medical insurance, meals, and transfers. Students will be responsible for all costs. There will be need-based scholarships and other scholarships offered. There will also be extensive fundraising opportunities as detailed in the attached fundraising plan([link to fundraising plan](#)).

Transportation: All students and chaperones will travel as a group from Minneapolis to Barcelona, Spain and return via airline.

Accommodations: Students will stay in twin/triple occupancy at four star hotels where breakfasts will be served daily.

Supervision: Staff members traveling with the group include Edina High School band director Paul Kile and three additional licensed staff members, one licensed school administrator and five additional parent chaperones.

Recommendation: Approve the student travel experience.

Desired Outcomes for the Board: Review the background information provided and provide feedback on the student travel experience.

Attachments:

1. Appendix III Board Policy 538 , [Extended Field Trip and Travel Application](#) need Dr. Bittman's Signature Preliminary Approval
2. [Link to tour group](#)
3. [Fundraising](#)
4. [Itinerary](#)