

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of the Sam Rayburn High School Texan Culinary Team to travel to Orlando, Florida April 25-30, 2025, to compete in the Cook Around the World Culinary Competition at an estimated amount of \$2,000 per student.

BACKGROUND: Students will compete against high schools from around the country at Disney's Epcot. They will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Culinary/Hospitality Colleges, attend a career forum and international gala, learn and work with a celebrity chef, and enjoy the fun and excitement of the Disney World theme parks.

Students will dorm at The Pop Century Resort and dine at the Cook Around the World Competition as well as the Disney Parks. The Culinary Team will participate in a 3-day competition and explore the cuisine of Disney Parks. They will also have one extra day to explore the Disney parks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This trip will be funded through fundraising by students, at an estimated amount of \$2,000 per student. This includes flight, lodging, and meals for 30 students, 2 instructors, and 1 administrator.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for the Sam Rayburn High School Texan Culinary Team to travel to Orlando, Florida April 25-30, 2025, to compete in the Cook Around the World Culinary Competition at an estimated amount of \$2,000 per student.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: September 24, 2024