

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible Approval for the Sam Rayburn High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) to participate in the National JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB) held in Washington D.C. from June 12, 2026, through June 16, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:** The Sam Rayburn High School JROTC Leadership Team respectfully seeks permission to travel to Washington D.C. and participate in the National JLAB Competition. After two rounds of online competition, only the top 40 out of 1,809 teams in the nation earn the right to qualify and compete for the National Title at Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. Four outstanding cadets will represent PISD at the 2026 JLAB Championships. This is the Texan Battalion's 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to qualify for this prestigious event. Cadets will dorm and dine at Catholic University of America. Teams will engage in a one-day competition, followed by two days of experiential learning exploring the Smithsonian and monuments in the D.C. Mall area. The cadets are scheduled to depart on Friday, June 12, 2026, and will return on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

We expect to have three female cadets, one male cadet, one instructor (coach), and one female administrator attend the event. This composition adheres to the district's student-to-adult chaperone ratio of 10 to 1. Prior to the trip, all chaperones will receive training on school district policies related to their responsibilities and duties. Additionally, all established rules of conduct will be strictly enforced. A contingency plan addressing travel and health advisories will be implemented as necessary. Schedule changes may occur due to weather or other external factors and conditions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** This is an all-expense paid trip by the United States Army Cadet Command and College Options Foundation. This includes flight, lodging, and meals for four (4) students, one (1) instructor, and one (1) female chaperone.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend the approval for the Sam Rayburn High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) to participate in the National JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB) held in Washington D.C. from June 12, 2026, through June 16, 2026.

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 28, 2026