



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 04/17/2024 Superintendent Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Heidi Morris

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I want the board to grant out-of-country travel permission so I can take a group of students to Ecuador in June 2025.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

A parent suggested at a parent-teacher conference last spring that I offer a travel opportunity to advanced Spanish students as a way to encourage them to pursue more Spanish. This year, I am taking a group of five students to Costa Rica. I chose Ecuador for our 2025 destination: it is roughly the same cost, but a totally different experience.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Students will experience Spanish spoken by native speakers--and will experience the culture, climate, and realities of another country.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The cost (\$3500/student) is prohibitive for many students. However, by enrolling early (more than a year before the trip), students receive a discount and can make monthly payments, making the trip more affordable.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

This is a completely optional trip, but the experience of a foreign country is invaluable.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No