

# Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

## CONSENT AGENDA • Date:

# Out-of-State Field Trip

### Category:

\_\_\_\_\_ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting \_\_\_\_\_ X Student Services \_\_\_\_\_ Board Policy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition \_\_\_\_\_ Community Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Other

### Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Discussion \_\_\_\_\_  
Report \_\_\_\_\_

### Facts of this Matter:

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teachers at ZWMS are organizing a trip to fly and tour Washington, D.C. for the ZWMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade class from Wednesday, October 22 – Friday, October 24, 2025. Students will arrange their own transportation to and from Indianapolis International Airport. Students will be on the tour during three days of school for this trip. We may need to offer financial help students who cannot afford to go, so we developed a scholarship application form that was successfully implemented last year.

Transportation	Flights to/from Indianapolis International Airport to Washington, D.C. and bus transportation around Washington, D.C. will be organized by Nation's Classroom.
Parent permission obtained	Will obtain permission when parents & students sign up.
Cost to students/families	\$1,599 for students (4 to a room) and \$1,699 for adults (2 to a room).
Adult supervision	We will have at least one adult for every 10 students. ZWMS teachers will lead each group on the airplane/bus. A professional security company monitors the hallways at night during the hotel stay.

### Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

- It is an opportunity to see our nation's capital city and learn about our nation's history, and about art, architecture, and the sciences. It should inspire students and be an unforgettable experience.
- Our objective is to allow as many 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as possible to attend. This trip has grown in popularity over the years because it has been regularly scheduled and is now seen as the rite of passage for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend.
- If every student attends, it makes it easier on staff coverage for substitute teachers for those staff members who are gone. We've never achieved this, but we have moved closer to this in the past year with about 75% of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes attending the past two trips.
- We will plan to fly with the earliest departure possible and the latest return possible while prioritizing non-stop flights. Less time traveling and getting home Friday evening

should mean less fatigue and more students able to attend school the next Monday. This plan will also allow students to be home for Saturday weekend events as well.

**Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:**

- The cost of over \$1,000 to the students and their families, and there is the possibility that because of this cost, some students may not be able to attend.
- We will miss three days of school. Some students will miss classes. Although if every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student attends, there will be very few students missing any classes.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

**Financial Implications, if any:** There seems to be no negative financial impact on the school corporation.