



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Date: May 9, 2016  
To: Board Members  
Dr. Carol Kelley  
From: Michael J. Padavic  
Re: Best Buddies International Conference

I am recommending that the Board approve the attached proposal for one staff member and two students to attend the Best Buddies International Conference in Bloomington, Indiana on July 22 to July 25, 2016.

District 97 has been a member of the national organization for over ten years. This conference will focus on student leadership in the middle school. The topics will cover; learning about disability rights, developing student leadership, how to improve communication, establish best practices for working with advisors, and Best Buddies staff to manage the program at their school.

The cost will be paid by the fundraisers sponsored by best Buddies during the course of the school year.