

# Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

Consent Agenda • Date: March 9, 2026

## Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip: ZCHS Orchestras to Los Angeles, California 2027

### 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:

#### 1. Destination/Dates:

- a. Los Angeles, CA.
- b. Feb 12th or 13th - 16th or 17th, 2027 (exact dates will be determined by number of students attending and flight availability)

#### 2. Attendees:

- c. ZCHS Sinfonia, Philharmonic, and Chamber Orchestra students are eligible
- d. Keegan Lammers, ZCHS Orchestra Director
- e. Parent chaperones, one ZCHS administrator/staff member

#### 3. Purpose:

- a. This trip enriches students' music education by providing multiple performance and learning experiences. Students will grow as musicians through participating in a clinic at Cal State Long Beach, performing at Disneyland, and attending a Los Angeles Philharmonic performance. They will also learn through visits to the Grammy museum and Griffith Park and Observatory.

#### 4. Admin Approval: Matt Walter

Transportation	Flights and charter buses arranged by Music Travel Consultants
Parent Permission Obtained	Families will complete required ZCS release forms and paperwork required by Music Travel Consultants

Cost to Students/Families	The cost is projected to be between \$2,500-\$2,800, depending on how many students attend. We will run fundraising opportunities through Zionsville Orchestras, Inc. (ZOinc, our booster organization) as needed.
About Supervision	<p>Our chaperones would primarily be parent volunteers who would complete all background checks required by ZCS. We have many parents who have chaperoned orchestra trips in the past – their experience would be an asset to our trip.</p> <p>Music Travel consultants builds two staff member trips into the projected cost. Because Ms. Lammers is the only ZCHS Orchestra staff member, we will ask a ZCHS administrator or another ZCS staff member to join us on the trip.</p>
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	<p>Per Music Travel Consultants Policy:</p> <p>“Cancellation is defined as any change made to the passenger list at least 60 days prior to trip departure day. Cancellation must be made under the traveler’s account at MTC® Online by clicking on the “Cancel a Traveler” link on traveler’s/ payer’s welcome page dashboard OR by e-mail or written communication to MTC®. With the exception of non-refundable deposits/payments. If cancellation is received 60 days or more prior to trip departure day, money returned by suppliers is refundable. Cancellations received 60 days or fewer before, or on, trip departure day are non-refundable, unless a paying substitute traveler takes the place of the cancelled person. If the trip includes airfare, cancellation and/or substitution policies may vary, depending on the airline, date of ticketing and group contract. Please contact MTC® for additional information. Travelers desiring travel and cancellation insurance may find it from a provider of their choice.”</p>

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

This is an optional orchestra trip that provides many educational and social opportunities for our students, including:

- Group and individual growth through performance at Disneyland
- Group and individual growth through a clinic from a Cal State Long Beach Music Professor
- Exposure to a world-class performance at the Los Angeles Philharmonic
- Increased musical knowledge and cultural appreciation through visits to the Santa Monica Pier, Griffith Park and Observatory, Cal State Long Beach, multiple Disney parks, and the Grammy Museum
- Group bonding through the shared experience of traveling and performing together
- Real-world experience and responsibility that comes with long-distance group travel

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

- Potential for students to miss one day of school, depending on final itinerary and flight availability.

**Financial Implications, if any:**

- Trip cost is around \$2,500-\$2,800. Fundraising opportunities will be run through ZOinc to help students offset associated costs.
- If the trip leaves on Feb. 12th, ZCS will incur the cost of a substitute teacher for Ms. Lammers for one day.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

This trip is recommended for approval.