

DUNLAP COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #323
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 16, 2025

ACTION ITEM

TO: Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dustin Hess, Principal
Dunlap Valley Middle School

Antonio Johnson, Principal
Dunlap Middle School

SUBJECT: Approval of out-of-state trip to Washington DC for 8th grade students

PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Board of Education approve an out-of-state trip to Washington D.C. for 8th grade students for May 28th through June 1st, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In alignment with the District's Mission, to empower students to excel in a global society, middle school principals recommend that DVMS and DMS 8th grade students have the opportunity to visit our nation's capital.

The tour is scheduled for May 28th through June 1st, 2026 (5 days/ 4 nights). The cost of the trip is \$1399 and is covered by the students. This includes all meals, transportation, accommodations, security at the hotel, tour guide, admission to all museums/attractions, and gratuities. This trip has proven to be a valuable experience for 8th-grade students, and if approved, this will mark the twelfth consecutive year of the Washington, D.C. trip. Potential historical sites on the itinerary include: the U.S. Capitol Building (Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War Veterans Memorials), George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, Pentagon and WWII Memorials, Smithsonian Museum, Holocaust Museum, Jefferson/FDR/MLK Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Both middle schools have procedures in place that ensure all students have the opportunity to attend the trip regardless of financial need.