



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 1/21/2026 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Karreen Ghena

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

Karreen Ghena is requesting permission to attend the California Association of Directors of Activities' (CADA) annual state convention in Reno, NV, from March 4-6, 2026. The convention is the largest in the nation for activity directors and offers 10 workshop sessions for leadership teachers/advisers to attend, plus three keynote speaker general sessions and opportunities for networking. The fees would be covered out of North Valley's professional development budget, and out-of-state attendees get the member registration pricing for the CADA conference. Karreen has also applied for a scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma to cover a portion of the costs.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

This convention was highly recommended by the director of the Oregon Association of Student Councils, of which North Valley High School is a member. Karreen is seeking to find new resources for North Valley's leadership program, specifically curriculum resources and tools/strategies for improving our program and school culture.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

The advantages would include the opportunity to network and collaborate with leadership advisers from across the nation, and to discover strategies/tools for better managing North Valley's leadership program. Karreen will be able to bring back resources to share not just with North Valley High School leadership students, but with all of our MS and HS leadership advisers in TRSD. This experience will help improve teaching methods, foster positive school culture, enhance students' learning experiences, strengthen our leadership program, and benefit our broader school community.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Karreen would need a substitute teacher to cover classes for March 4th and 5th.

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

The CADA convention is one-of-a-kind, and there is no similar convention offered for leadership advisers in Oregon. The director of the Oregon Association of School Councils, Cameron Broome, recommended that Karreen attend CADA as it is "the best professional development [he's] ever attended in his life" and helped him to improve as a teacher leader more than any other program. Karreen would like to experience this convention and bring back benefits for our school and district.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐