

Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Tom Crowe, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ECTOR JHS AND PERMIAN HS
CLOSE UP- ESL STUDENTS OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL TO
WASHINGTON, DC

DATE: February 18, 2014

Ector JHS and Permian HS are requesting permission to travel to Washington, DC. The trip is scheduled for June 8 – June 14, 2014. The cost of the trip will be funded through Title III Federal Funds.

The Close Up program is mix of travel, learning, and fun. The program utilizes trained Program Instructors rather than tour guides to deliver dynamic hands on curriculum which is designed to align with each state's social studies standards.

During this 7 day trip, Close Up participants will meet with Congressional delegation and staff; debate hot topics during a mock congress; talk with members of Congress, Washington insiders, and journalist; students will also walk the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian Museum, as well as national monuments like the Martin Luther King, Jr., Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Ector JHS and Permian HS Close Up – ESL Students Out-of-State travel to Washington, DC as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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