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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
John Langton, Interim Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: April 14, 2025
Topic: Outdoor Education Trip Approval Recommendation

BACKGROUND

Benjamin Middle School 6th grade students attend an outdoor education trip each fall. After many years of attending the Campus at Lorado Taft in Oregon, Illinois we were informed that the campus was closing. After a thorough vetting process we are recommending the approval of our 6th grade outdoor education trip at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin.

SUMMARY

Once we were informed of the closing of the Lorado Taft Campus our 6th grade teachers researched and called other outdoor education facilities to get questions answered. After the initial screening process they visited several locations for a tour and more detailed conversations about program offerings. Sixth grade teachers then had final conversations with me and we negotiated costs with Camp Timber-lee. Camp Timber-lee has a wide selection of hands-on learning science education activities that are tied to state learning standards as well outdoor adventure and community activities. [Board Policy 6:240 Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips](#) requires School Board approval for any trip that extends overnight.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contract at the cost \$14,301.