



# BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

**Board Meeting Date:** August 12, 2025

**From:** Aron Borowiak, Superintendent

**Re:** Field Trips

**Agenda Location:** Information/Discussion

### **Rationale:**

Last month, the Board reviewed the District's current field trip processes, with emphasis on equitable access, transportation fee structures, and related policies. At the Board's request, the administrative team provided feedback to help guide next steps.

### Administrative Feedback Summary:

- **Number of Trips:** Consensus that one trip per grade level is manageable and sustainable; three trips per grade level would create significant planning strain and raise affordability concerns.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** All students should be permitted to attend field trips; limiting access for behavioral reasons should be avoided in favor of other interventions.
- **Consistency Across Schools:** Support for establishing a continuum of common field trips across all schools, with a possible list of vetted locations per grade level to guide planning.
- **Teacher Autonomy:** Recognition of the need to balance consistency with teacher discretion, avoiding overly prescriptive requirements.
- **Capacity and Access:** Limited seating on buses may require prioritization strategies to ensure inclusion.

This feedback will be used to develop potential models for equitable, sustainable, and consistent field trip planning and funding. These models will be presented to the Board for further discussion and direction at an upcoming meeting.

### **Recommendation/Motion:**

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