

SUBJECT:	Consideration and possible approval of seniors in the Maritime and Criminal Justice programs of study at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School to participate in a hands-on cruise experience aboard a Carnival Cruise January 15-19, 2026, for a cost of approximately \$500 per student.
BACKGROUND:	In an agreement with Carnival Cruise Lines, twenty-seven (27) senior Maritime and Criminal justice program of study students and five (5) adult chaperones, including one (1) campus administrator, will have an opportunity to see their pathway in action. CTHS students have participated in seven previous Carnival cruises from 2015-2020 & 2024-2025 with great success. Aboard the Carnival Legend, students will have classrooms available for training and study, speakers who will share shipboard careers such as vessel operations, engineering, security, safety operations and navigation. Students will take an exclusive behind-the-scenes guided tour to view vessel operations, including meeting the captain, visiting the bridge, touring the galley, crew living areas and the engine control room. Students will not be exiting the cruise ship for any excursion at the port of calls. Students will also have dedicated time each day for the completion of school assignments. Cruise departs from Galveston, Texas on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and returns to port on Monday, January 19, 2026. All staff chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding expectations and duties prior to the trip. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	Cost of the trip is approximately \$500 per student to be paid using funds donated by business partners, fundraising, and student contributions.
RECOMMENDATION:	We recommend approval of seniors in the Maritime and Criminal Justice programs of study at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School to participate in a hands-on cruise experience aboard a Carnival Cruise January 15-19, 2026, for a cost of approximately \$500 per student.
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BOARD MEETING DATE:	September 23, 2025