

# **Galveston Ball High School**

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Dear Board of Trustees,

For the eighteenth year, Ball High students, led by Eva Purcell, staff, and parents are scheduled to travel on an educational trip to Japan over Spring Break. We will be departing on March 8, 2026 and returning March 16, 2026. The trip has been planned through EF (Education First), the leader in student tours. We have been utilizing their services for the past eleven years and will be traveling to Tokyo-Kamakura-Fuji-Hakone-Izu-Odawara-Kansai regions. The focus of our itinerary will be the history and culture of these countries.

We are asking that the School Board approve this field trip for its educational purpose so that class time students miss may be considered an excused absence. Students will still be required to complete any and all assignments from their teachers. As always, no district transportation will be used to or from the airport.

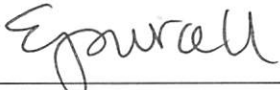
Thank you!

Sincerely,



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Joseph Pillar  
Principal, Ball High School



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Eva Purcell  
Trip Sponsor, Ball High School