



To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees
From: Bona Coogle & Aaron Coronado – CHS Choir Directors
Date: September 10, 2019

cc: Laura Springer

Re: Proposed London Trip March 5, 2020 – March 12, 2020

The Coppel High School Choral Department would like to request approval for a trip to London over Spring Break 2020. The purpose of this trip is to provide our learners with the opportunity to perform and experience the music culture of London.

Our learners will have the opportunity to perform in the Bath Abbey, a beautiful space founded in the 7th century with a rich tradition of choral music, as well as, Southwark Cathedral, the Anglican Cathedral on the South Bank of the River Thames. This trip will also provide our singers the opportunity to connect to the music that we perform in the classroom. For this year's Winter Concert the Coppel Choral Department will be performing a major work by John Rutter, Rutter's Gloria, as well as, selections from Handel's Messiah. John Rutter composed his Gloria in London, where he currently lives, and we will be visiting the Handel's museum, the last place he lived in London. Additionally, our learners will experience some of the greatest historical museums, and experience the culture and history of London, and be able to see a show at the West End.

Learners will be exposed to hundreds of years of art, history, architecture, religion, museums, and culture. Learners will visit the House of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower Bridge, Abby Road, Stonehenge, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, British Museum, and Westminster Abbey.

We will depart the evening of Thursday, March 5th, which means learners will be out of class the afternoon of Thursday, March 5th and the entire day of Friday, March 6th before Spring Break. We will depart from London Thursday, March 12th arriving at DFW Airport at 5:55 PM.

The cost of the trip will be paid for primarily by the students and parents themselves. We will offer some fundraiser opportunities to help learners cover the cost of the trip. We currently have a Butter Braid fundraiser planned for those learners attending the trip and our currently working to provide another fundraising opportunity. The cost per person is \$2,700 for double occupancy which includes all transportation, admission, and 6 group dinners.

Ms. Coogle and Mr. Coronado, at least 3 chaperones, as well as, a CHS administrator will be attending. We expect 35-40 learners to be in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Trustees approve travel to London for Coppel High School Choral Department