

Dear School Board Members,

The Indus National Honor Society and Student Council are planning to attend the Minnesota State Convention this April 28th-30th held at Mound Westonka High School. The theme for this year's convention is Be the Solution, Not the Pollution. We are bringing this information to your attention because we would like to request for the School Board to provide one room for each of our chaperones, each room will cost \$280 per night. We also ask if you would be willing to provide a Bubble bus and fuel for the commuting during this trip. Together as a group we will be paying for the fellow students' rooms along with admission payments to the Convention.

Our projects for this year's State Convention Topic will include: collecting pine cones to give to the DNR, planting trees around the school property that are native to our area, and creating a compost pile to reduce the amount of food waste from our lunch room. The Student Council will collect pine cones for the DNR and will be planting trees in the spring. The National Honor Society will be creating and maintaining a fully functioning compost pile. Both organizations at Indus School hope to make an exceptional impact within our location that will reduce the environmental waste and carbon footprint of our area. Our goal is to ensure that our future generations will live in a happy, healthy, and clean environment.

This trip is important to our organization because it is an opportunity to learn from other schools what works and what doesn't. This way we can learn from them and bring it back to our school and community. It will be a great experience for us as a NHS and Student Council to interact with other students and get to know how they are conquering environmental issues in their area. Another reason we wish to go is because it is an opportunity to show off our school and what it means to our neighborhood. It is important to offer representation from a small school and what they can bring to the table. Thank you for allowing us to present this issue to you, and I hope you will take it into consideration during your funding discussions.

Sincerely,

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At Indus School