

**ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Odessa, Texas**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DEMOCRACY LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE FOR MIGRANT STUDENTS OUT OF STATE TRAVEL**

**DATE:** March 29, 2011

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The Experience in Democracy Leadership Conference to be held in Washington D.C. on June 19-24, 2011 will provide migrant students in grades 9 thru 12 an opportunity that would otherwise not be available to them. They will meet, converse, and learn with students from throughout the United States. Students will compose an agenda on local issues and concerns and will present it to both the Senate and House leaders from our Congressional District in Texas.

Students attending are eligible to get credit by exam (CBE) from the University of Texas at Austin K-16 Education Center at no cost for high school government credit.

Leadership and enrichment opportunities are addressed in the Migrant Action Plan, the District Improvement Plan and in the yearly grant application to TEA.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Democracy Leadership Conference for the Migrant students.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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