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Item: Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Convention

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Date: 1/15/2026

Recommended by: Sue Gardner

Board Meeting Date: 2/16/2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting approval for travel for fifteen (15) students and one (1) advisor/instructor from the KCTC Agriscience for Plants and Animals program to attend the 2026 Michigan Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Convention at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, from March 4–6, 2026. This experience will provide students with the opportunity to participate in and observe state-level leadership activities that support their academic, career, and leadership development.

BACKGROUND:

The National FFA Organization is a youth leadership organization that prepares students for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. FFA helps students discover and develop their talents through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that equip them with the skills needed for real-world success. FFA is one of the three integral components of a comprehensive agricultural education program.

Attendance at the FFA State Convention, along with participation in leadership development activities, contributes towards meeting the requirements for students to earn their FFA State Degree. This achievement aligns with the opportunity for students to earn up to six credits from Michigan State University.

During the State Convention, students will observe or compete in various Leadership Development Events related to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources. Student attendance is based on eligibility, as participants must qualify by winning a contest or receiving an award to attend this event.