

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVI, MICHIGAN
August 13, 2026**

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

TOPIC: State Thespian Festival, December 10-12, 2026

Heather McKaig, the Novi High School play director, is requesting students of the Novi High School Theater participate in a unique opportunity for them to grow as thespians by attending the Annual Michigan Thespian Festival held in Lansing, Michigan. This annual festival is hosted by the Michigan Educational Theater Association (META), the Michigan Chapter of the International Thespian Society.

It is a two-day festival for over 1500 kids from around the state that provides students with a chance to attend workshops, see shows, be adjudicated in their areas of expertise, compete for scholarships, and connect with theatre students from other schools. It includes one night in a hotel.

Students will be asked to pay \$280.00 for hotel, registration, and award costs. They will also be asked to bring \$40.00 for food. This annual trip was last taken December 12-13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Novi Community School District Board of Education approve the Novi High School Theater to travel to the Michigan Thespian Festival in Lansing, December 10-12, 2026.

**APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED
FOR BOARD ACTION**

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Benjamin Mainka, Superintendent