



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

From: Aaron Johnson, Ironwood Elementary School Principal

Subject: Out-of-State Travel

Priority: To ensure students are safe, known, and valued

Consent Action Discussion


Background:

I would like to request permission for sponsors, Robin Mau and Tawni Lopez, and the students of the Ironwood Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team to travel to Ames, Iowa to attend the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals on May 27 - 31, 2026, with travel to begin on May 26, 2026.

The Ironwood Odyssey of the Mind team placed first at the regional tournament and went on to earn second place at the state level, qualifying for the World Finals in Ames, Iowa. Odyssey of the Mind gives students a place to think creatively, take risks, and solve problems in original ways. Through this program, they build confidence, collaboration skills, and perseverance while showing students that their ideas have value. Traveling to Iowa and participating in the World Finals would be a meaningful culmination of their hard work and dedication.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve out-of-state travel for sponsors, Robin Mau and Tawni Lopez, and the students of the Ironwood Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team to travel to Ames, Iowa to attend the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals on May 27 - 31, 2026, with travel to begin on May 26, 2026.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: 
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

*Questions should be directed to: Aaron Johnson, Ironwood Elementary School Principal
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Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

From: Andrea Divijak, Dove Mountain CSTEM K-8 School Principal

Subject: Out-of-State Travel

Priority: To ensure that students are safe, known, and valued

Consent Action Discussion

Background:

I would like to request permission for Andrea Velazco, advisor, and the students of the Dove Mountain K-8 (DMK8) Odyssey of the Minds team to travel to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Odyssey of the Minds World Finals on May 26 - 31, 2026, with travel to begin on May 25, 2026.

The DMK8 Odyssey of the Minds Team earned first place at the Arizona State Tournament and has been invited to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. This accomplishment reflects their dedication, creativity, and teamwork.

Through this experience, students develop invaluable life skills, including: creative problem-solving and innovation, teamwork and collaboration, engineering and hands-on construction skills, confidence, leadership and perseverance. Students apply interdisciplinary STEM and English Language Arts skills to solve complex challenges. They engage in the full engineering design process, collaborate to create, and present innovative solutions using creativity to communicate ideas effectively. Students demonstrate advanced critical thinking and creativity, produce original solutions and engineering designs, engage in self-directed learning and perseverance, and gain real-world experience in innovation and global collaboration.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve out-of-state travel for Andrea Velazco, advisor, and the students of the Dove Mountain K-8 Odyssey of the Minds team to travel to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Odyssey of the Minds World Finals on May 26 - 31, 2026, with travel to begin on May 25, 2026.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: _____

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Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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