

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: April 13, 2026

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

ZMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Services <input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Facts of this Matter:

1. Where/When: Washington, D.C. – Oct. 28-30, 2026
2. Who: ZMS 8th Grade Students (~330 students depending on how many register); ~1 Chaperone for every 10 students (8th grade teachers are priority chaperones)
3. Why: 8th grade students learn about U.S. History in 8th grade from our founding to the Civil War and Reconstruction. Washington D.C. will provide an experiential opportunity to see the sights of so many events they will be learning about throughout the year.
4. Administrator approving: ZMS Assistant Principal, Craig Callahan

Transportation	Flight from Indianapolis to D.C. (roundtrip); buses while in D.C.
Parent Permission Obtained	Permission slips will be collected by the school.
Cost to Students/Families	Approximate cost is \$1,759 per student. This includes airfare and transportation, hotel accommodations, overnight security, some meals provided, all gratuities, guided tours and activities. Fundraising opportunities will be available for students to individually raise money to offset the cost of the trip. Financial assistance opportunities can be made available for individual situations.
About Supervision	~1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones will mostly be 8 th grade teachers since this trip is for 8 th grade students. Additional chaperones will consist of the grade level Assistant Principal, grade level counselor, Athletic Director, and some

	parents if needed depending on the number of students attending. Any parents attending as chaperone will be required to have a background check on file with the school.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	Students can cancel for any reason up to 14 days after they register for a full refund.
Any Additional Information	There will be seating charts for airplanes, buses, and assigned hotel rooms, with assigned chaperones throughout the trip to keep students safe and accountable.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will gain experiential knowledge of the topics they learn in 8th grade social studies and language arts in addition to seeing and experiencing the city of Washington, D.C.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Price and distance to Washington D.C. may deter some students/families from participating. Students will miss three school days.

Financial Implications, if any:

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- hotel accommodations
- overnight security
- some meals provided
- all gratuities
- guided tours and activities.

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Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.