



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 3/18/2013

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Chris Jelderks

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item:       Informational       Action

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

Christopher Jelderks, of Fleming Middle School, is seeking board approval for the school's annual Washington D.C./East Coast trip. Approximately, 1 EF Tour Director, 5 full-time adult chaperons, 6 adults, and 29 students will be going on the trip which is June 16-25, 2013 . For an Adult to Student ration of ~2.5:1. EF Tours provides 24/7 emergency coverage, a full-time tour director, full-time bus driver, and hotel security during the tour.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Teachers, in coordination with EF Tours/Smithsonian, from Fleming, Manzanita, and Lincoln Savage have been taking students on this history trip for ten years now. EF Tours/Smithsonian will be handling all facets of the trip. There is no cost to the district or schools.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Teachers, students, and participating parents will be immersed in many significant historical, cultural, and civic events, including visiting the Capital Building and White House, George Washington's home at Mt. Veron, several Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, and historic Colonial Williamsburg. Experiences like the East Coast trip becoming lasting memories and life-changing events for many students. These memories are then shared with the student body, enriching a culture of the school.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

All disadvantages are aligned with the typical problems that occur while traveling.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

There are no alternatives at this time. EF Tours offers affordable travel insurance for all participants.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No