



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 4/2/2025 or 4/16/2025 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Peter Lentz Oceanography at NVHS

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

Each spring term oceanography class has gone on a field trip to explore tidepools. It is more convenient, and less travel time and distance, to visit the tide pools in Crescent City, California, than to visit the tidepools in the Brookings. Additionally, the tidepools in Crescent City are better for exploring. I respectfully ask for The Board's permission to allow for the out of state travel to the Crescent City, California, tidepools. The travel date in May 29, 2025 and the class would use a First Student Bus to travel to the tidepools. The students will be back at school before the end of the school day so they will be able to catch their usual bus rides home.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

I have been taking NVHS students to the tidepools each year I have taught Oceanography, except the COVID-19 year. It is a very popular field trip and an excellent learning experience for the students. Amazingly enough, just about every year, there is at least one student for whom it is their first visit to the ocean.

List the advantages of your proposal:

1: Hands-on experience with actual tidepool creatures in their natural habitat. 2: Not too far to go (~ 2.5 to 3 hours) 3: Well supervised by several adults.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Students have to get up early to ride the bus to the coast because the minus tides occur pretty early in the morning during the springtime.

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

There are some educational videos about tidepools which could be shown in lieu of visiting tide pools. These are not recommended because students' experience at actual tidepools is far more impactful and meaningful. I meet parents of students from years past who tell me their former NVHS student still talks about the tidepool excursion.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No