

Financial Support for School Teams Participating in School-sanctioned National Competitions

Policy Reference: April 13, 2015, Board Agenda item to provide financial support for school teams participating in school-sanctioned national competitions.

Background Information: The Board approved setting aside \$100,000 in the budget to assist schools with national competition costs. District administration developed a policy that would include the Board's intent in a written document for funding distribution. The district policy, "National Level Student Competition Travel Funding," was approved by the Board on April 13, 2015. The policy states: "School principals may submit a request form through the executive director for travel funds for first place state award winners advancing to national levels of competition. Funds are limited to \$3,000 per school per national event. If team travel expenses are greater than \$10,000.00, the request will be presented to the Board for special consideration."

Purpose: Socastee High School's DECA organization has 14 students who took first place in the State DECA Leadership Competitions and is seeking district financial support to assist with the cost of the DECA ICDC Conference where these students will compete nationally. The conference will be held on April 23-27, 2016, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Recommended Action: Based upon the application submitted by Socastee High School Principal Dr. Paul Browning, the total projected cost of the event will be \$20,985.90. According to district policy "National Level Student Competition Travel Funding," the district administration can award SH \$3,000 for the competition. Due to the total request's being over \$10,000, we ask that the board consider the awarding of additional funds to assist in covering the expenses the school will incur with this competition.

Estimated Project Cost: \$20,985.90

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Funding Sources: General Fund