

**Title: Financial Support for School Teams Participating in School-sanctioned National Competitions --FIRST Lego League (FLL) Funding Support for Ocean Bay Middle**

**Policy Reference:**

**Background Information:**

The HCS 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:**

Ocean Bay Middle School (OBMS) won first place in the state FLL competition and is seeking district financial support to assist with the cost of the World Festival Competition to be held on April 27-May 1, 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri.

**For additional information:**

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**Recommended Action:**

Based upon the application submitted by OBMS principal Connie Huddle, the total projected cost of the event will be \$12,009. According to district policy "National Level Student Competition Travel Funding," the district administration can award OBMS \$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: \$12,009**

Recurring \_\_\_ Non-recurring X  
Funding Sources: