

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:**

Out of State/Overnight Travel

**Date:**

January 9, 2024

**Dept:**

FHS

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**Reason:**

Past practice of the Committee requires a vote to allow students/staff to travel outside of the State/Country

**Enclosure**

Yes

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**Background**

**Recommendation:**

Recurring FHS Varsity Cheerleading National Competition

I recommend approval of the request of Josh Hanna to take Varsity Cheerleaders to Orlando, Florida from March 14-18, 2024 for the Americheer Internationals Cheerleading Championship as detailed.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the Committee is required.

<u><b>Vote Tabulator</b></u>	
E. Gallagher: Y / N	D. McNeill: Y / N
D. Callaghan: Y / N	R O'Sullivan: Y / N
Al Charles: Y / N	KP Sompally: Y / N
P. Griffith: Y / N	Action: _____

## **Franklin High School Varsity Cheerleading – National Competition**

### **Destination:**

- 2024 Americheer Internationals Cheerleading Championship – Orlando, Florida

### **Departure & Expected Return Dates:**

- Depart Thursday, March 14 and Return Monday, March 18th
  - Hotel – Cabana Bay Resort, Universal, FL
  - Times TBD based on flight availability

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Thursday, March 14 (flexible)**

- Mid-Morning
  - Team meets and board charter bus at FHS parking lot
  - Bus departs to Logan Airport
- Mid-Afternoon - Arrive in Orlando and head to the hotel
  - Practice for Competition
- 6:30 pm - Team Dinner & Team Building Activity – Potential Options: bowling, board game competitions in conference rooms at hotel, movies
- 10:00 pm - Lights out and room checks

#### **Friday, March 15**

- Morning
  - Practice for Competition
- Mid-day
  - Lunch & Universal Park
- 10:00 pm - Lights out and room checks

#### **Saturday, March 16**

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
- Morning
  - Warm up and Competition
- Afternoon
  - Team Bonding, Rest
- 10:00 pm - Lights out and room checks

#### **Sunday, March 17**

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
- Morning
  - Warm up and Competition
- Afternoon
  - Universal Park
- Dinner at the Park
- 10:00 pm - Lights out and room checks

#### **Monday, March 18**

- 7:00 am - 7:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
- Mid-morning – Board charter bus to the airport
- 4:00 PM – arrive back at Logan and board charter bus to FHS

**Summary of trip purpose:**

- To give student-athletes an educational experience through a non-traditional athletic setting.
- Demonstrate and promote independence, responsibility, and respect while representing each school district.
- Provides the opportunity for the team to compete at the National level
- Student-athletes will experience a one of a kind participatory (non-MSAA competition) at the national level of competition.

**Trip expense, inclusive of all costs:**

- **FHS Cheer Booster and Parents will share the following costs:**
- Airfare – Estimated \$400 pp. – JetBlue non-stop Roundtrip Flight
- \$350 - Charter Bus (Logan airport and Orlando)
- \$915 Hotel room pp. (4 per room, 3 rooms, 11 athletes) = \$10,065
  - Hotel prices includes competitor fee, transportation to the venue and 2 day park pass
- \$1,110 Coaches Room (2) = \$2,220

**Total Estimated Cost: = \$17,835**

**Players and Coaches are independently responsible for the following costs:**

- Food and Shopping

**Description on how the trip will be accessible to students from limited income families-fundraising plan:**

Through our team fundraising efforts we will be able to make this trip a reality for all of our athletes especially players that come from limited income families. The Cheer Booster has several fundraising opportunities set up in January – February to offset the cost per person. The Cheer Booster will look for sponsor for the trip. With fundraising and sponsors, we estimate the cost to be \$600-\$700 pp.

**Accessibility for students with disabilities:**

Not Applicable.

**Number of students needed to support trip:**

The entire Cheer team has committed to attend the National Competition. There are 11 cheerleaders and 2 coaches.

**Number of chaperones in attendance:**

Currently, there are 3 adult chaperones committed to attend. There may be additional parents who may choose to attend, but at a minimum we have a commitment for 3 chaperones for 11 cheerleaders.

**Method of transportation and/or travel agency/organization information:**

The Cheer Booster is currently organizing all travel arrangements. The arrangements are for transportation to and from airports and flights. Once in Orlando, the Hotel package provides transportation to and from the competition venue. The Park is walking distance from the Hotel.

**Items that will be finalized and submitted in writing once trip is approved by the Principal, Superintendent and School Committee:**

- Emergency plan including medical care plan including plan for to administration of medication
- CORI and CHRI for Chaperones (volunteers/non-school personnel)
- Extended Field Trip Waivers (overnight trip)

**Miscellaneous Information:**

- Exact times will be known once approval is granted and flights are booked.
- The actual days will not change
- The Cheer Booster and coaches will hold parent/player meetings closer to the date to review all information in detail, as well as team expectations