

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:**

Out of State/Overnight Travel

**Date:**

November 14, 2023

**Dept:**

High School

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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:**Boys Varsity Lacrosse Trip

I recommend approval of the request of Lou Verrochi, Chris Baker & Kevin McCarthy to take the Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team to Long Island, NY on April 15-17, 2024 to participate in 3 Lacrosse Games as detailed.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the Committee is required.

**Vote Tabulator**

E. Ford 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Members of the School Committee, Superintendent Gigurere, Principal Hanna, and Athletic Director Ellis:

FHS Boys Varsity Lacrosse team solicits approval for a proposed travel experience to Long Island, NY from April 15-17, 2024. This period of time is over the Franklin Public Schools Spring Break.

Franklin Lacrosse is about three things: 1) Building positive relationships 2) Always acting how you want to be remembered 3) Being a part of something bigger than yourself. We believe that this trip to Long Island embodies everything that the Franklin High School Boys Lacrosse Program, and the Franklin High School Community strive for.

This trip would provide our student-athletes with a unique experience to grow and challenge themselves in the adolescent stage of their lives. It allows our student-athletes to foster life-long relationships with their peers, connect with our chaperones and coaching staff, and harbor real world skills they can use as future graduates of Franklin High School.

In addition to the social and emotional development of our student-athletes, this trip will challenge them in a variety of ways. First, they will be setting a real personal and team goal to work together to fundraise a substantial amount of money. For some, another challenge will be traveling for the first time without family, allowing them to learn personal responsibility. Lastly, it will challenge them to set and meet goals. They will need to collaborate to develop concrete steps in order to make this proposal a possibility.

This opportunity also allows us to represent the Franklin High School Boys Lacrosse program in a competitive environment against teams we would normally not play. It is a great opportunity for our players to face strong competition, continue their development as athletes, and demonstrate the resiliency, sportsmanship, and humility that Franklin athletes embody.

Having led trips like this in the past for other programs, specifically in the lacrosse club environment, we have witnessed firsthand the lifelong memories trips like this can create. The players and coaches we have traveled with in the past are people who we still remain close with to this day.

Below you will find a complete outline of our proposal, including a full itinerary, estimated cost, how we will afford the trip, and other key information.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Varsity Head Coach Lou Verrochi  
Assistant Coach Chris Baker  
Assistant Coach Kevin McCarthy

## **Destination - Sample Itinerary**

Long Island, NY

### **Proposed Dates of Travel (Departure and Expected Return Dates)**

Depart to Long Island from FHS	Mon., 4/15/2024	Time: 10:00am	Travel Day
Game 1	Tues., 4/16/2024	Time: TBD	Opponent: North Shore HS 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, NY 11545
Formal Practice	Wed., 4/17/2024	Time: AM	Practice: Long Island University – Brookville, NY
Game 2	Wed., 4/17/2024	Time: TBD	Opponent: Long Beach HS 322 Lagoon Dr W., Lido Beach, NY
Depart Return Travel to FHS	Wed., 4/17/2024	Time: TBD Arrival: TBD	Travel Day

### **Educational Alignment & National PE Standards**

**Standard 1:** The physically literate individual demonstrates competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns.

**Standard 2:** The physically literate individual applies knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies, and tactics related to movement and performance.

**Standard 3:** The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.

**Standard 4:** The physically literate individual exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.

**Standard 5:** The physically literate individual recognizes the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression and/or social interaction.

**Proposed Expenses:**

- Holiday Inn, 369 Old Country Road, Carle Place NY
- Hotel Amenities
  - Complimentary hot breakfast (2 days)
  - Complimentary event room for team meetings/meals
  - Complimentary Head coach room
  - Outside food allowed
    - Team Dinner(s)
  - Free parking
  - Cancellation policy 30 day out and not more than 80% cancellation within 30 days
- Rent three (3) 15-person vans

**Total by Line Item:**

Administrative Fee (STM Stay)	\$550.00
Fuel	\$800.00
Food (Hotel includes 2 breakfasts)	\$2,100.00
Hotel Room (15) – (2 players per room)	\$2,411.10
Hotel Room Coaches (3)	\$441.00
Hotel Room (Head Coach- Complimentary)	\$0.00
Transportation 3 – 15 person vans	\$2,701.00
Total Expected Costs:	<b>\$9,003.10</b>
Per Player Cost	\$300.10

**Accessibility for all Student-Athletes**

All student-athletes will have full access to all parts of the trip regardless of disability.

**How can we afford the trip:**

It is our goal to fully fund this trip from previous fundraising by our booster organization. The remaining balance will be paid for through other fundraising initiatives over the course of the next 5 months, donations, grants, and possible reasonable contributions from each family. If any family is unable to contribute financially, the Franklin Lacrosse Boosters will provide financial assistance as needed.

**No money will be needed from the town, school, or athletic department to fund the trip.**

**Methods of Transportation**

- Rent three (3) 15-person vans

### **Safety Protocols/Emergency Planning**

- All Students will sign the Franklin Boys Lacrosse Honor Contract (See below)
- All bags will be checked prior to leaving for the trip, and student-athletes will consent to daily bag and room checks.
- The team will remain together for the entire trip. All activities will be done as a group or in small groups headed by a chaperone and student leader.
- Check-ins, Bed and Room Checks, Team meals will all be done as a group.
- Cell Phone Communication
- Any Special Medications will be held and distributed to players by coaches with specific parental instructions

### **CORI and SORI for Chaperones**

All chaperones will be coaches (4) in the Franklin Lacrosse Program. All chaperones will already be CORI and SORI approved to coach during the season and be on the trip.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Draft of Franklin High School Boys Lacrosse Student-Athlete Honor Contract**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Franklin High School Boys Lacrosse Team, understand that I am a representative of Franklin High School and the entire Franklin Community. My behavior during this trip will reflect the core values of all Franklin High School Student Athletes.

I certify that I will not use, possess, or be in the presence of any controlled substance (drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, etc.) during the duration of this trip. I agree to random bag and room checks at any point during our trip.

I understand that any violation of this contract may result in MIAA suspension, disciplinary action by the Franklin High School Administration, Athletic Department, and Coaching Staff, and possible removal from the team.

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Player Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature