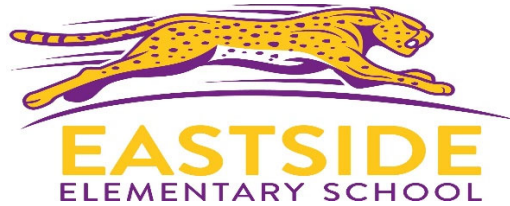


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### **Executive Summary**

I, Mike Lastra, Principal at Eastside Elementary, on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby request the Board to approve the out-of-state travel for myself and my assistant principal (Eric Schwartz) to attend the Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from July 8-12, 2024.

Making Schools Work is a national education conference that has a strong focus on the school improvement process. Teachers, counselors, principals, district administrators, and superintendents from all over the country attend this powerful professional learning experience.

Mr. Schwartz and I submitted a proposal to present about our two-year turnaround at EES at this conference. After a lengthy selection process, our proposal was selected by the conference committee. We are excited to tell our EES story and to share out strategies and lessons learned at the national level. We just completed the same presentation at the Florida Association of School Administrators and it was one of the highest rated presentations at the conference.

This out-of-state trip will have zero cost to the school district as the Hernando Education Foundation has already approved to cover the travel expenses.

Therefore, I request your approval for out-of-state travel to the Making Schools Work Conference. We look forward to sharing our experience with you and spotlighting the amazing work going on in Hernando County at the national level.

Mike Lastra  
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