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To: HCSD Board Members
RE: Competitive Cheer Trip to Nationals

To whom it may concern:

The competitive cheerleading team is requesting the opportunity to stay overnight and compete in Orlando at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports for the National High School Cheerleading Championships in February 2026. This will be the schools 5th time competing at this National Championship. We will be traveling on our own and our trip dates are February 5th - February 8th, 2026.

Attached you will find our itinerary for this year's 2026 trip. The competition times are an estimate based on previous years and will be finalized 1-2 weeks before our trip. You will also find the field trip packet completed to the best of our ability. Some information in the field trip packet may be updated once funding for our trip is approved and I can book the hotel and charter bus with deposits.

We will be leaving directly from Weeki Wachee High School with 30 students to head to Disney World to eat lunch, check in at registration (All Star Sports) for the competition weekend and attend a designated practice time at the ESPN Wide World of Sports only available on Thursday.

We plan to stay at a hotel just off property, hopefully at the Delta Hotels Orlando Celebration. This hotel is located near the competition venue, provides good rates, and allows us to avoid major traffic jams.

The cost of each student is approximately \$750. This includes the competition registration (including 2-day park hopper to Disney World + 5-day admission to Wide World of Sports), hotel for 3 nights, breakfast each morning, lunch or dinner each day, and transportation. The cost of this year's trip is consistent with last year's.

- Hotel (\$150 per room X 9 rooms X 3 nights)/ 30 students= \$135
- Competition Registration (\$499 per person X 34 people)/ 30 students= \$565
- Meals (\$50 for Sam's Club order + 1 meal)
 - \$25 for Sam's Club order will include breakfast foods, snacks, & drinks for the entire trip.
 - \$25 for team dinner at Outback Steakhouse (includes drink, bread, entrée, and 2 sides)
 - We use money from fundraisers to cover 2 other meals such as boxed Chic Fil A lunches or Publix sub rings.

We project this number to fluctuate up or down and exact numbers cannot be determined until we have the exact headcount for the trip and pay deposits to lock prices in place

Students will be required to buy a lunch or dinner on their own each day. There will be various food trucks and restaurants at the competition venue and students will purchase their own meal at the Disney parks.

In order to offset the costs students will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising opportunities throughout the season to raise money to pay for their trip. Last year we fundraised enough money for the team that each student only had to pay \$325, and that trip was 5 days instead of 4 and included an extra meal.

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