



Celina high school bands

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To the Board Members and Administration of the Celina City Schools:

As you may already be aware, one of the traditions long associated with the Celina High School Band is the groups' Florida trip, taken every four years. Our students are currently looking forward to the opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World next fall. The purpose of this letter is to request your permission and endorsement to again take this trip.

After consulting with Mr. Metz and the school and athletic calendars, it appears that the best dates for this trip are November 18-23, 2016. These dates result in the fewest possible conflicts with standardized testing, quarter/semester exams, sports, plays, musicals, etc. As in the past, the trip would be completely self-funded. It is paid for by the students, their parents, the band boosters, and student fund raisers. Students are required to maintain good academic standing and a clean disciplinary record in order to go on this trip.

Performing at Disney is a thrilling and unique experience for our students. The instruction provided by the Disney staff prior to their performance is a good supplement to the music curriculum, and the opportunity to observe the "behind the scenes" operations of the park provides the students with some insight as to the demands Disney places on its' employees. Students will also experience a unique musical performance by the "Blue Man Group" as a part of the trip package. Many of the students regard this trip as one of the highlights of their high school years.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a sincere invitation to any of you who wish to join us on the trip to do so. The 20-hour (one way) bus ride is only mildly painful, and we will likely have some extra seats. In all seriousness, as I always tell the band parents, if you want to feel good about our schools and our kids, come on this trip. They really are a pleasure to travel with, and they always represent their school, their families, and their community in exemplary fashion. I think you would enjoy the experience, and I would love to have you along. If you wish for me to reserve a seat for you, please contact me and I will do so.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Respectfully,

Chuck Sellars
Band Director