

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 9 c.

MEETING OF: September 14, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve out of state travel for the Ketchikan High School Close- Up Program

REVIEWED BY

Superintendent
 Kayhi administration

SUBMITTED BY: David Mitchel, KHS Teacher

CONTACT PERSON/TELEPHONE:

David Mitchel 907 225 9815
Name Phone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board's approval is sought for the Ketchikan High School Close- Up program to travel to Washington, D.C. and New York City.

ISSUE:

Per Board Policy 6153, all school-sponsored trips to out-of-state locations require approval of the School Board.

BACKGROUND:

KHS teacher David Mitchel and Fast Track Administrative Assistant Shelann Mas will chaperone a ten-day Close- Up trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City for Kayhi and Revilla students. Close- Up High School Programs are designed to give students an inside look at their democracy in action. Using the nation's capital and cultural center as living classrooms, students get a "close-up" view of government- interacting with people, processes and places that make these cities so unique. Prior groups have discussed issues of the day with experts and students from around the U.S. Students will also visit the Holocaust Museum, Air and Space Museum, Ford's Theater, Lincoln and other Memorials, African American Museum, Museum of the American Indian, the Natural History Museum and other sites in the Capitol. In New York City, students visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Chinatown and Little Italy, Times Square and watch a Broadway show.

Estimated dates of travel are March 31- April 9, 2023. The approximate cost of the trip is \$3000, which includes airfare, hotel, food and transportation. To help reduce costs, there are some scholarships available and we hope to offer fundraising options as well. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their online site at: www.closeup.org or contact Mr. Mitchel directly. We will have an informational meeting for students and parents in the Spring and Fall. All students enrolled in KGBSD of high school-age are encouraged to attend. This event is not associated with ASAA or any other organization besides KGBSD and Close- Up.

RECOMMENDATION:

School administration recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Out of State Travel Permission

FISCAL NOTE:

The trip will be funded through personal funds and fundraising.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (*ONLY if not approved as part of the Consent Calendar*):

"I move that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state travel request for the Ketchikan High School Close- Up program to travel to Washington D.C. and New York City in 2023."

Out-of-State Travel Permission

Organization: Close Up

Out-of-State Destination: Washington, D.C. & New York City

Dates: March 31-April 9, 2023

Description

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Lead Chaperone:

I have read and will follow the *Learning Extension Program Guidelines* dated 9/24/19.

Name: David Mitchel

Signature 

Date 7/12/22

School Administrator's Permission

The above named school organization has my permission to travel for out-of-state competition.

School Administrator (print) Cole Maxwell

School Administrator Signature: 

Date 4/12/2022

Phone: 907-225-9815

Email: Cole.Maxwell@k21schools.org

School Board Approval

Approved

Disapproved

Superintendent's Signature 

Date 8/29/22



WASHINGTON, DC



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WASHINGTON DC

**HIGH
SCHOOL
PROGRAM**



THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE!

On Close Up, you'll be immersed in the excitement of Washington, DC, as you explore all the memorials, monuments, and museums you've only read about! As you trace the footsteps of historical figures in the nation's capital, you'll have opportunities to discuss issues you care about, learn what it truly means to be a citizen, and make lasting friendships with students from across the United States.



Are you ready for a once-in-a-lifetime experience? Your adventure awaits!



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Introduction Workshop*
What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

Issues Debate
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a liberal and conservative DC insider

*Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Program Instructor for the duration of the trip.

** Study Visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

Sample schedule subject to change.



MONDAY

American Political Values Study Visit**

How do the values of liberty, equality, and justice impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?

Jefferson Memorial—What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?

FDR Memorial—How was equality defined by FDR and his New Deal?

MLK Memorial—How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the world-renowned museums to learn about history and culture

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country

Social Time



TUESDAY

War Memorials Study Visit
What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial
How does the imagery of this memorial portray his legacy?

National Politics Seminar
Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at National Place

Embassy Discovery
Step foot on "foreign soil" and discuss the international political landscape

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City

Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote
on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering



WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day
Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

Attend and observe **Congressional Committee Hearings** to see how laws and policies are formed

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders

Visit the Supreme Court where landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in action in the galleries

Dinner at DC's Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a show at a renowned theater!



THURSDAY

Community Action Workshop
What actions can you take to contribute on a local and national level?

White House Photo Op
Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the president's neighborhood

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path in places like Dupont Circle or Chinatown

Air Force Memorial
Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

Arlington Cemetery
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

Closing Reflection
How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

Banquet and Dance

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away



FRIDAY

Sightsee in Washington
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

Depart for Home

Close Up opened my eyes to the views and opinions of people from other parts of the country!

- HALLE, STUDENT, MN



Hear more from Close Up teachers, students, and parents!



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FRIDAY

Depart for New York City

Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood

Central Park Study Visit

Explore landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle

Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit

Examine history through art at one of the world's largest and finest art museums

Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in the heart of the Big Apple

Times Square Study Visit

Visit Broadway - 'The Great White Way' - in New York City's famous Theater District

Performance at a Broadway Theater

See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the cultural capital of the nation

SATURDAY

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Study Visit

Learn more about the universal symbol of freedom and democracy

Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District

9/11 Memorial Study Visit

Reflect on the significance of this world-changing event

Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Take in astonishing views of the city from this iconic bridge

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza

See 360° views of New York City from the Top of the Rock

SUNDAY

Sightsee in the Big Apple

Prior to your departure, spend time in the city with your school

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