MEMORANDUM

Date: April 30, 2010

To: Cyndi Van Meter, Area I Superintendent
   School Board of Brevard County

From: Rebecca Allen, TSA Sponsor

Re: Request to attend Nationals

The Southwest Middle School Technology Student Association was named State Champions at the 2009-2010 State Conference in Orlando, Florida. The team qualified 18 members to attend the Technology Student Association National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, June 28, 2010 through July 2, 2010.

Southwest Middle School is requesting that 18 students, one female sponsor, and one male sponsor be permitted to attend this National Conference. Part of the group plans to fly to Baltimore from Orlando on June 26th and return on July 2nd, and part are driving up with parents. The student’s and their parents voted on arriving two days early so that they may tour Washington D.C. The students will be responsible for the cost of their trip. The total cost per person is $800.00. Any funds received from community/private donations going through the Brevard Schools Foundation will be equally divided and distributed back to the students. It is anticipated that the sponsor’s expenses will be covered by CTE funds.

Attachments:
   Field Trip Request forms
   Information sheet and Itinerary for National Conference
SPONSOR'S APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PLAN AN OFF-CAMPUS FIELD TRIP OR ACTIVITY

Southwest Middle School

April 30, 2010

To: __________________________, Principal

From: Rebecca Allen, Keith Merrell, Teacher

Request is made for Technology Student Association

Group/Class

to be given permission for the following field trip/activity:

Instructional Objective: Participate in National TSA competition in Baltimore, MD

Number of students involved: 18

Place/or Destination: Baltimore, Maryland

Dates: From ____________ To ____________

June 26, 2010

July 2, 2010

Departure: Time ____________ Return Time ____________

7:00 AM

11:00 PM

Drivers of private vehicles have been informed of liability, have a current Level II background screen, will use an appropriate vehicle per Board Policy 8660, have a valid Florida Driver’s License, and completed Statement of Insurance on Private Vehicles form.

□ Yes □ No (check one)

Chaperones: Candice Diberardino and Deborah Anderson along with Mrs. Allen and Mr. Merrell

Accommodations (If required): Holiday Inn - Downtown/Marriott-Downtown

It is understood that Parent Permission and Responsibility Statements (permission slips) will be obtained prior to starting the field trip/activity.

Approved: ____________________________

Principal

May 4, 2010

Date

Approved: ____________________________

Area Superintendent

Date
Southwest Middle School
Technology Student Association

The goal of the Technology Student Association this year was to give all students the opportunity to participate in TSA and compete in at least one competition. Over 50 students competed in the school sponsored Technology Classic. Twenty three winners of this event went on to compete at the State Technology Student Association Conference and Competition in Kissimmee, Florida, April 21-24. All student registrations and accommodations were paid by the club and SAC committee to allow all qualifiers the opportunity to attend. The Southwest Chapter was named the Outstanding School. The students wish to attend the National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland where they will compete in 33 events with 15 students.

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<td>August</td>
<td>Fundraiser Concessions for Registration</td>
<td>$598.00</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>Sponsored the Space Coast Chess Tournament and sold Concessions</td>
<td>$550.00</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>Pumpkin Patch - Sold pumpkins</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Turkey Grams – sold Turkey Grams</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Sponsored the Lego Robotics Tournament Concession</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>Holiday Dance Cancelled due to Finals Conflict</td>
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January Parent Meeting – Presented information on qualification requirements for State and National competition, including costs.

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<td>January</td>
<td>TSA T-shirt sales</td>
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<td>February</td>
<td>Faculty Student Basketball Game</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>Five Guys Spirit Night</td>
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April

State Conference: Paid all student registrations and hotel costs

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<td>Five Guys Spirit Night</td>
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<td>Concessions Yearbook Signing Party</td>
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<td>Presale Car Wash</td>
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Southwest Middle School  
National Technology Student Association

15 Southwest Middle School Students
- Kennedy DiBerardino  Flying Southwest $365 paid own way.
- Zach Frederick       Flying Southwest $365 paid own way.
- Jay Rowland          Flying Southwest $365 paid own way.
- Juan Sanchez         Flying Southwest $365 paid own way.
- Boyce Estes          Flying Southwest $365 paid own way.
- Megan Grace          Riding with Parent
- Caroline Anderson    Riding with Parent
- Charlie Smith        Riding with Parent
- Peter Garelli        Riding with Parent
- Nicholas Allan       Riding with Parent
- Deuel Allen          Riding with Parent
- David Richards       Riding with Parent
- Jesus Sanchez        Riding with Parent
- Priscilla Gonzalez  Riding with Parent
- Chris Warriner       Riding with Parent

Parents are paying their way and the transportation of their child.

2 Palm Bay High School Students riding with parents.  
   (Rudy Laprade, Achi Jones, Florida State Sgt. at Arms)
1 Eau Gallie High School Student riding with parent.  
   (Amanda Allen, Florida State President)

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**Student Financial Responsibilities for Conference**

- Conference Registration - $90.00
- Hotel                    $140.00
- Food                     $200.00 approximately
- **Total**                $430.00 (w/air fare: $795.00)

Help is available for hardship. Funding was offered, however, no student requested help from the chapter. Currently we have $1200.00 in our account and have planned two more fundraising activities before we attend the national conference. If no one requests financial help, the funds will be used to pay for transportation and sightseeing opportunities on June 26 & 27. Hotel accommodations are being paid for by the club for the two pre-conference days. All parents were given the option to attend the pre-conference days, most are making their own family plans for the trip and plan to stay through the 4th of July.
Southwest Middle School
Technology Student Association
TSA National Conference Itinerary

Parents transport students to airport

Saturday, June 26
Depart: **Saturday June 26** Orlando Airport 9:30
Arrive Washington DC 11:50

Lunch

Take Taxi to **Holiday Inn Inner Harbor**
301 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 685-3500

Amtrak to Washington DC

Tour Washington on tour bus night afternoon and evening tour and dinner

Amtrak to Baltimore 10:00

Return to Hotel 11:00 Curfew

Sunday, June 27
Depart from Hotel by 8:00 am

Tour Washington and Museums

Return to Hotel by 11:00 for curfew

Monday, June 28
Conference begins

Tuesday, June 29
Conference

Wednesday, June 30
Conference

Thursday, July 1
Conference

Friday, July 2
Awards Ceremony

Depart Baltimore Airport at 2:45 arriving in Orlando at 5:05 pm

Parents pick up students from the airport and transport them home.

Chaperones: Rebecca Allen 321-213-5383, Keith Merrell 305-778-5872,
Candy Diberardino 321-720-5590
April 9, 2010

Dear administrator,

This year, from June 28th to July 2nd in Baltimore, Maryland, the Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter in your school has the opportunity to be involved in a premier educational event – the national TSA conference. In addition to promoting student participation in exciting STEM-oriented competitive events, the conference offers motivating leadership training for students and advisors, and invaluable teacher exposure to the latest teaching and learning best practices.

Some of the highlights of the 2010 national TSA conference include:

**TSA Leadership Academy** – TSA is pleased to offer its members a new leadership development model in Baltimore this year. Using the best-selling book, *The Student Leadership Challenge*, students and teachers will discover how anyone can be a leader, regardless of age or experience. Through a system specifically designed for TSA, trained facilitators will teach five practices of exemplary leadership via the *High School Power Track, Middle School Discovery Track, State and Chapter Officer Track, Graduating Seniors Success Track* and the *Advisor Track*. All will learn how to implement the five practices in their school chapter.

**TSA Competitions** – Students will be offered participation in sixty-nine (middle and high school combined) competitions in Baltimore, providing them with the opportunity to showcase the STEM skills and knowledge they have acquired during the course of the school year. Students can return to their communities having competed against the best in the nation -- and having gained expertise and knowledge from peers from across the country.

**TSA VEX Robotics Competition** – This exhilarating head-to-head robotics contest will be showcased at the conference this year, allowing middle and high school students who have prepared for this highly anticipated event to excel.

**The TSA/American Cancer Society Spirit of Service Awards Program** – TSA chapter members will receive grateful acknowledgment for their local level involvement with – and fundraising for – the American Cancer Society, TSA’s national service partner.

**Awards and Recognition** – Chapters, students and teachers will be recognized for their many achievements associated with TSA.

The 2010 national TSA conference has received National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) approval for student contests and activities. TSA’s conference is recognized by NASSP as a contest and activity that motivates students to be creative and to demonstrate excellence.

Thank you for your support this year of the TSA chapter in your school. Please continue to encourage the chapter as its members prepare to attend the upcoming national TSA conference in historic Baltimore, Maryland. Best wishes for success to all of your students!

Sincerely,

Rosanne T. White, Ed.D.
Executive Director
SUNDAY, June 27, 2010

5:00PM — 11:00PM  TSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
5:00PM — 11:00PM  National TSA Officers Meeting

MONDAY, June 28, 2010

1:00PM — 8:00PM  Conference Registration
3:00PM — 4:00PM  National TSA Officer Candidates Meeting
3:00PM — 4:00PM  CRC Managers Meeting
4:00PM — 5:00PM  Advisors Orientation Meeting
5:00PM — 6:00PM  Competitive Event Coordinators Mandatory Meeting
6:00PM — 7:00PM  Required sign-up for presentation times (for selected competitive events)
6:00PM — 8:30PM  Competitive Events Display Check-In (for selected competitive events)
6:00PM — 8:30PM  Competitive Events Check-In (for selected competitive events)
6:00PM — 11:30PM  State Delegation Meetings
8:00PM — 10:00PM  Welcome/TSA Mixer
12:00 Midnight   Curfew

TUESDAY, June 29, 2010

7:00AM — 8:30AM  Competitive Event Check-In (for selected competitive events)
7:30AM — 8:45AM  State Flag Representatives Meeting
9:00AM — 5:00PM  Information Desk Open
9:00AM — 11:00AM  Opening General Session (General Session I)
11:30AM — 12:30PM  Advisor Update Meeting
11:30AM — 6:30PM  Competitive Events
11:30AM — 5:30PM  Special Interest Sessions
12:30PM — 4:30PM  State Advisor Forum
4:00PM — 5:00PM  State Presidents Meeting
5:00PM — 6:00PM  Alumni/Graduating Senior Reception
5:00PM — 6:30PM  State Delegation Meetings
7:00PM — 10:00PM  Leadership Academy
10:30PM — 11:30PM  State Delegation Meetings
12:00 Midnight   Curfew
WEDNESDAY, June 30, 2010

7:00AM — 8:30AM  Competitive Event Display Check-in (for selected competitive events)
8:00AM — 10:00AM  Business/Education Exhibits Set-up (Education Fair)
9:00AM — 11:00AM  Recognition Assembly (General Session II)
9:00AM — 5:00PM  Information Desk Open
11:00AM — 5:00PM  Education Fair (including National TSA Officer Candidate Campaign Booths)
11:30AM — 6:30PM  Competitive Events
11:30AM — 5:30PM  Special Interest Sessions
11:30AM — 12:30PM  Advisor Update Meeting
1:00PM — 4:00PM  TSA, Inc. Corporate Board Annual Meeting
5:00PM — 7:00PM  Business/Education Exhibits Dismantle (Education Fair)
5:00PM — 6:30PM  State Delegation Meetings
7:00PM — 10:00PM  Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game (for leadership academy participants)
12:00 Midnight  Curfew

THURSDAY, July 1, 2010

7:00AM — 8:30AM  Competitive Event Display Check-in (for selected competitive events)
7:30AM — 8:00 AM  Voting Delegate Seating
9:00AM — 11:00 AM  Annual Business Meeting (General Session III)
9:00AM — 5:00PM  Information Desk Open
11:30AM — 5:30PM  Special Interest Sessions
11:30AM — 6:30PM  Competitive Events
11:30AM — 12:30PM  Advisor Update Meeting
1:00PM — 1:45PM  CRC/Students Forum
1:45PM — 2:30PM  CRC/Advisors Forum
6:00PM — 11:30PM  State Delegation Meetings
8:00PM — 10:00PM  American Cancer Society event
12:00 Midnight  Curfew

FRIDAY, July 2, 2010

8:30AM — 11:30AM  Awards Ceremony (General Session IV)
12:00PM — 1:00PM  TSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting (new board)
12:00PM — 1:00PM  National TSA Officers Meeting (new officers)