

Request for Permission to take out of state field trip to Washington D.C. with two oratory students.

Background: In following with the PBL initiative, Mrs. Egemo and Mr. Rude created a co-taught unit entitled "Social Injustice". The project has students investigating topics that they feel create injustice for a group, or groups in our society. In conjunction with this project and Mr. Rude's National Oratory Fellowship, a speech competition was created.

Intentions: Travel to Washington D.C. May 3-7, with two students that won the speech competition to participate in the Ford's Theater National Oratory Fellows spring retreat. This retreat includes workshops and professional development for both the students and teacher, collaboration with students and teachers from around the country, and culminates with a public presentation of the students' speech on the stage at Ford's Theater.

Parameters: Students will be supervised at all times either by teacher, Ford's Theater Staff, or designated Master Fellows that are part of the Ford's Oratory Fellowship. Students fly to Washington D.C. May 3rd, and stay at the Hotel Harrington. Students will fly back on May 7th. Flights will likely originate out of Minneapolis.

Cost to the district: There are no travel costs to the district. Ford's Theater Society fully funds the retreat. (The only cost that the district has incurred as part of the fellowship is \$1,000, which Ford's asks the schools to pay to help defray the costs of the teaching artist that collaborates with Mr. Rude and the students.)