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April 6, 2017

New Hampton Community School District Board of Education  
c/o Superintendant, Jay Jurens  
710 West Main Street  
New Hampton, Iowa 50659

Re: 7th Grade OM Team Qualifying for World Finals at Michigan State University

Dear Members of the Board of Education:

I am writing on behalf of the Odyssey of the Mind students, who are Katie Steinlage, Bailey Kreiner, Lauren Smith, Preston Trower, Conner Knoll, Zach Utley and Mason Lane. The Iowa Odyssey of the Mind organization held their state finals at Iowa State University on April 1, 2017. The OM team won first place and qualified to go to World Finals in a problem which required them to build three vehicles, propelled differently, which would take evasive action to avoid being stopped from reaching an ultimate destination. The World Finals event will run from Wednesday, May 24, 2017 through Sunday, May 27, 2017. I will find lodging for them on Tuesday night on our way out. We will plan to drive directly back on Sunday. The cost of room, board and registration per team member is \$575, for a total cost of \$4,025. We are asking for assistance with this cost from the School Board in the area of something between \$1,000 and \$1,500 and the use of the van. I will plan on paying the gasoline expense for the trip myself. I am not able to be present on April 17, 2017, at 7:30 PM, which is the time set for our presentation, however, a parent, Sally Kreiner, has agreed to appear at the Board meeting to answer questions as necessary on behalf of the team.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns ahead of time don't hesitate to address them to me. My cell phone number is 641-330-3309. The address to use is 116 North

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Main Street, PO Box 307, Charles City, Iowa 50616-0307. I am thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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