

Elida High School Choir/Theater Proposed New York Educational Trip April 2025

Dear Members of the Elida School Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we bring for your consideration an educational opportunity for members of the Elida High School Vocal Music Department and Musical Theater Department for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are proposing a trip to **New York City for the spring of 2025**. The purpose of the trip would be **educational** with a strong focus in musical theater. We have taken this trip with many Elida high school students, parents and teachers over the past years. We believe that it is one of the best experiences offered. We have typically offered the trip every other year but it will now have been three years. We have a large group of juniors who are very interested in theater and have asked when we would be taking the next New York Trip. Mrs. Lombardo, the current Choral Teacher, does not feel she could manage a trip in the next few years due to the ages of her children but she would like to have it offered to the students. She would like to observe the planning of the trip so that when she is ready to do a similar trip she will have a better understanding of what is involved.

We are proposing the dates of **April 9-13**. We have two bids from the same company we have used in the past. We found them to offer the best price and the best trip. They have submitted bids for bus trip and plane. Last time we flew as it was more economical. We have included for your perusal a copy of the proposed trip. We are still reviewing the trip and there may be changes as we continue to work with the travel company. All aspects of the tour are in the initial planning stages and are completely open to discussion.

The approximate cost of the trip per person if we travel by bus is 1800. If we fly the approximate cost would be \$2000 a person. By bus there would be 4 nights lodging with the flying there would be 3 nights lodging. Although students will be given a limited number of fund-raising opportunities, the cost of the trip will be the responsibility of the student. Payment will be due in installments. (This system has worked well in the past)

We will not go with less than 20 persons and prefer not to have more than 30 students. The limit on students is due to the space available for the workshops we attend.

Thank you for your consideration of this wonderful trip opportunity.

Sincerely,

Rhonda and Randy Bargerstock – Directors of Elida Theater and Musical Theater

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