To: USD 261 Board of Education

From: Paul Graves, Haysville Middle School Choir Director

Re: Choir Trip to New York City

Date: August 1, 2022

History/Relevance: Distinguished Concerts InternationalNew York is the leading producer of dynamically charged musical excellence. With its unforgettable, world-class concert experiences, empowering educational programs, and global community of artists and audiences, DCINY Changes Lives through the Power of Performance.

In 2018, the HMS Treble Choir participated in this trip of a lifetime, performing at Carnegie Hall. Those students, graduating class of 2022, still talk about this experience and what it meant to perform on one of the most prestigious stages in the world..

What: "The Music of Greg Gilpin" on the DistinguishedConcerts International NY Concert Series at Carnegie Hall in NYC.

Why: HMS 7th & 8th Grade Choir students will join with other outstanding choristers from around the world to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International Choir of distinction. Students will participate in a two-day residency to work with and learn from a real-life, world renown composer, Greg Gilpin, on music he specifically wrote for middle school students. This rehearsal will culminate in a performance for the patrons of NYC on one of the most prestigious stages in the world at Carnegie Hall.

Where: Carnegie Hall Isaac Stern Auditorium in NYC

When: June 2-6, 2023

How: Students/parents will fundraise the approximate $2350 needed to pay for all aspects of the trip. Monthly payments will be made and fundraisers will include Marco's Pizza Discount Cards and a Calendar Fundraiser which consists of selling days of the calendar.

Who: 7th & 8th grade choir students from HaysvilleMiddle School are invited to attend.

How much: Total cost of this trip will be approximately $2350. Cost includes nearly all aspects of the trip including transportation, hotel, sightseeing, most food and residency/performance fees.

Thank you,

Paul Graves

Haysville Middle School Choir Director

USD 261 HAYSVILLE SCHOOLS

Haysville Middle School Choir
New York City
June 2-6, 2023

What is Included in the Trip

- DCINY Concert Registration
- Gala Dinner Registration
- Round Trip Airfare from Wichita to NYC
- Round Trip Private Bus for Airport transfers from NYC Airport to Hotel
- 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations – NYC (3/4 people in a room)
- 4 Hot Breakfast
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Group Dinners
- Radio City Music Hall Tour
- Empire State Building
- Statue of Liberty
- 1 Broadway Show
- Central Park
- World Trade Center Site
- Staten Island Ferry night Cruise
- Shopping time in Times Square
- 7-day Unlimited Subway Pass
- Performance Uniform (Formal Dress for Girls/Tuxedo Wear for boys)
- Trip T-Shirt

What is NOT Included in the Trip

- Meals (other than 1 lunch/3 group dinners)
- Airline Checked Baggage Fees (If Applicable-This was not an issue last trip)
- Souvenirs
- Trip Insurance
    - Most travel vendors have a non-refundable policy
    - DCINY has a non-refundable policy

Trip Cost - STUDENTS

- 10 or MORE students traveling
    - Cost is approximately $2350.00

Fundraisers:

- Marco's Pizza Cards - 100% Profit
- Cash Calendar Fundraiser - 100% Profit

Please e-mail with any questions you may have:

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HMS NYC Choir Trip
June 2-6, 2023

Sample Itinerary

Friday, June 2, 2023
Travel Day – Meet at airport @ approx. 5:00 am.
Central Park
Group Dinner (Included in Cost)
Broadway Musical

Saturday, June 3, 2023
Buffet Breakfast (Included in Cost)
Rehearsal
Lunch (On Your Own)
Statue of Liberty
Dinner (Included in Cost)
Central Park

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Buffet Breakfast (Included in Cost)
Radio City Music Hall
Lunch (On Your Own)
Rehearsal
Dinner (Included in Cost)
Times Square Shopping

Monday, June 5, 2023
Buffet Breakfast (Included in Cost)
Concert Dress Rehearsal
Lunch (Included in Cost)
Concert
Dinner Reception (Included in Cost)
Staten Island Ferry Cruise

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Buffet Breakfast (Included in Cost)
Empire State Building
Lunch & Dinner (On Your Own)
Travel Home – Arrive in Wichita at approximately 11:00 pm