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Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
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Re: Lowell High School AFJROTC Service National Drill Competition

Dear Superintendent Durkin:

I am requesting permission for 45 ROTC Drill team members along with Lt. Col Eileen Ironfield, MSgt Kevin Casilli and TSgt David Smith to travel to the Multi-Service JROTC National Drill Competition Championships in May 2019. Lowell High School AFJROTC was invited to this Multi-service Nation Drill Competition after finishing 1st in the Armed Division and 3rd in the Unarmed Division at the Air Force Open National's Competition in Dayton, Ohio last year. Lowell High School AFJROTC has competed at the Air Force National Drill competition for the last eleven years and is ready to take on the very best from Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force teams from across the country!

This competition is scheduled from Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Students and staff will depart LHS at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1 and will return Wednesday, May 7, 2019 by 10:00 p.m. They will be taking a coach bus for this 21 hour trip, as it would be too costly to fly to Florida. Due to the driving constraints placed on the contracted driver, they will be staying overnight in Virginia on each leg of the trip.

Students will miss 5 day of school for this competition. The appropriate parental and school permission forms will be completed prior to the trip.

The only cost will be for two substitutes for five days for a cost of \$1050.00 from Lowell High School's individual school fund. The trip will be funded using combination of AFJROTC funds, student fund-raising, and student contribution. Total cost is approximately \$43,500. Breakdown of cost: Hotel \$20680.00 Transportation \$15000.00 Food \$9,050.00. This will be paid for with Air Force Funds, Fundraising, and Donations from Donors, plus a student cost of \$425.00 each.


The following standards will be addressed:

- Identify life-management skills and protective factors that contribute to achieving personal wellness health goals, including researching, evaluating, and implementing strategies to manage personal wellness, monitor progress and revise plans;
- Understand how activity participation patterns are likely to change throughout life and identify strategies to deal with those changes;
- Explain how peer pressure influences choices and applies strategies for managing negative peer pressure and encouraging positive peer pressure.

As part of the trip, students will get a tour of Andrews AFB, Maryland to see Air Force One and visit the training facility for the Air Force Honor Guard – a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,


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