

**ITEM: CONSENT: CURRICULUM: Overnight Field Trip – Perris High School's Future Farmers of America Students to Attend Various Agriculture Field Days in the Months of February, March and April 2018 (funded through Perris High School's Agriculture Incentive Grant/Perkins Fund and Student Body Fund, not the General Fund)**

**SUMMARY:**

Perris High School's Agriculture teacher, Douglas Cousins, has submitted six (6) overnight field trip requests for members of the Perris High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) students to attend the following FFA Field Day events during the months of February, March and April 2018:

Arbuckle Field Day Competition – February 2-4, 2018: Participants include 16 students and 2 adult chaperones. FFA members attending the Arbuckle Field Day will be able to visit with other FFA members from throughout the State, as well as leaders from other states and the National FFA. Attendees will be focusing on objectives such as: participating in a Career Development Event that will enhance their skills, develop leadership skills through interaction with other members, create friendships with other members from various chapters in California, receive awards and honors for hard work and achievements in their contest area, and be exposed to seeing new cultures and experience new places. Cost per student/adult is \$50 each.

U.C. Davis Field Day – March 2-4, 2018: Participants include 25 students and 4 adult chaperones. This event will be held at the University of California (UC) Davis for their annual Career Development Event/Field Day. The UC Davis event is one of the two largest state level California Department of Education (CDE) FFA event of the year. The top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. Students will be exposed to this top agricultural university while learning more about their contests and competing at the highest level in the state. Students will be exposed to the university atmosphere which will help motivate them to work hard towards their goals for their future careers. Students will develop hands-on leadership skills as they interact with other students, judges, and teachers at their competition sites. Cost per student/adult is \$40 each.

Chico Field Day Competition – March 9-11, 2018: Participants include 28 students and 4 adult chaperones. This event will be held at Chico State University, in Chico, California. The Chico FFA Field Day event is one of the two largest state level Career Development Event (CDE) of the year. The top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. FFA members attending the Chico FFA Field Day Competition will be able to visit with other FFA members from throughout the state, as well as leaders from other states and the National FFA. Attendees will focus on the following objectives: participate in Career Development Event that will enhance their skills, develop leadership skills through interaction with other members, receive awards and honors for hard work and achievement in their contest area, and be exposed to the university setting and experience new places. Cost per student/adult is \$50 each.

Merced College FFA Field Day Competition – March 16-17, 2018: Participants include 25 students and 3 adult chaperones. This event will be held on the Merced College campus, in Merced, California. Top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. Students will be learning about contests and competing at the highest level in the state. Students will be motivated to work hard towards their goals for their future careers and will develop hands-on leadership skills as they interact with others students, judges, and teachers at their competition sites. Cost per student/adult is \$30 each.

Dinuba Field Day - March 16-17, 2018: Participants include 4 students and 1 adult chaperone. This event is an integral part of Agricultural education. FFA members attending the annual conference will be able to visit with individuals from throughout California, as well as leaders from other states and the National FFA. Attendees will participate in leadership workshops to enhance their skills, observe the democratic process in action, create friendships, receive awards and honors, and be motivated to expand their participation in FFA. Cost per student/adult is \$75 each.

Fresno Field Day and State Speaking Finals - April 19-21, 2018: Participants include 25 students and 3 adult chaperones. The Fresno Field Day Event and State Speaking Finals is a career development event. This is a competitive team that prepares students with skills that can be used in the workforce. Our teams spend countless hours practicing and studying to prepare for these events. Each event also has a public speaking component which helps students become more confident in their speaking skills. These teams provide students with the opportunity to acquire skills that can be used in "real life". Cost per student/adult is \$50 each.

Exposure to competition at the above six events will enhance our students' ability to perform at a higher level and will enhance skills and knowledge in their given contests. It will also enable students to earn higher awards and placement in future competitions. Transportation to all events will be provided by district/site vehicles.