

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

SUMMARY:

Jeremiah Perotti and Maggie Maratsos, Heritage High School Agriculture Future Farmers of America Advisors, have 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 March and April 2018:

U.C. Davis Field Day – March 2-4, 2018: Participants include 30 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 \$100 each.

Chico Field Day Competition – March 9-11, 2018: Participants include 38 students and 5 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 \$100 each.

Modesto Junior College Agriculture Field Day Competition – March 23-25, 2018: Participants include 30 students and 4 adult chaperones. The Modesto Field Day offers students 24 different agriculturally based judging contests. The contests range from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. Modesto JC students, representing a variety of majors, coordinate the contests while faculty and staff serve as advisors. Students attending this event will be able to compete at a high level in their FFA judging teams while preparing them for the state finals, as this is one of the most competitive field days in California. Cost per student/adult is \$100 each.

Fresno Field Day and State Speaking Finals - April 20-21, 2018: Participants include 10 students and 2 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 \$35 each.

Exposure to competition at the four events will enhance HHS 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.

FUNDING:

The cost for this item (includes all 4 trips) is included in the HHS 2017-18 operating budget funded through the Perkins Grant, Title I and the Agriculture ASB account.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the overnight field trip request for Perris High School Future Farmers of America to attend these Agriculture Field Days events in March and April 2018: U.C. Davis Field Day – March 2-4, 2018, Chico Field Day Competition – March 9-11, 2018, Modesto Junior College Agriculture Field Day Competition – March 23-25, 2018 and Fresno Field Day/State Speaking Finals - April 19-21, 2018.