

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023

ITEM: **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (EDSET) TO SALT POINT STATE PARK IN JENNER, CALIFORNIA**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **CONSENT**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve the overnight field trip for Albany High School Environmental Design Science Engineering and Technology (EDSET) students to Salt Point State Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All field trips and excursions that occur overnight require prior approval from the Board of Education. Requests shall be presented to the Board of Education at least one month in advance of departure unless the timing of the event and the Board meeting schedule do not provide sufficient time for prior approval or make prior approval impractical.

At the October 10th meeting, this request was submitted for approval and the board did not approve the request due to misalignment with AUSD Administrative Regulation (AR) 3541.1. Since then, the manner of transportation has been adjusted to adhere to the AR; transportation will be provided by parent drivers.

DETAILS:

Twenty-four (24) students in the Albany High School Environmental Design, Society, English, and Technology (EDSET) program, along with three (3) teachers, will participate in a two-night camping trip at Salt Point State Park. The trip begins on a weekend and transportation will be provided by parent drivers.

Students in the EDSET program take AP Environmental Science in their junior year. AP Science standards require that students understand investigative techniques and survey methods.

This trip gives students hands-on experience in a different ecological community than the one found in Albany. Students will also be practicing ecological survey techniques to gather data about the environment. The EDSET program as a whole seeks to give students the opportunity to experience working in a professional environment and take on adult roles and responsibilities. Students will learn how to set-up and break-down camp and plan and cook meals, which requires

collaboration and communication skills, builds leadership in those who wish to take charge of certain activities, and builds confidence in all students. Activities include visiting the Visitor Center, creek water sampling and invertebrate survey, tide pool and beach biodiversity survey, and visiting a pygmy forest.

DATES OF TRIP: November 10 - 12, 2023

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total field trip fee per student is \$45.00. Funding will come from families and EDSET funds. No EDSET student will be denied the opportunity to participate.

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*

<p>RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (EDSET) TO SALT POINT STATE PARK IN JENNER, CALIFORNIA</p>
