

DC Trip for 8th grade students

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11:53 am Wednesday

History of trip over last five years

- 2018 - 2019 Trip was held. Chaperones who were not 8th grade teachers were other teachers from MS, other teachers in the district, and parents. Required district to hire subs for those 8th grade teachers going, those teachers going from the middle school, and those teachers not at the middle school but acting as chaperones.]
- 2019 - 2020 - Trip cancelled due to schools being closed due to COVID.
- 2020 - 2021 and 2021 - 2022 - Trip cancelled due to significant COVID restrictions

Trip for 2022 - 2023

Trip will not be held this year due to the following:

- Trip normally planned in June of previous year. Due to uncertainty regarding COVID this was not begun in June of 2022.
- Cost is significant per student in 2018 - 2019 that cost was \$1049 per student. Four years later cost is estimated to have increased significantly.
- Because trip is scheduled during regular school week, parents may feel that it is expected that their student attend.
- Medical support (nurses) are required, in some cases multiple nurses. Impacts medical coverage for those students remaining at school.
- Supports for students both general education and special education students are required for equitable access for all students.
- Not all supports can be provided for all students.
- This impacts coverage for supports for students who remain at school.
- COVID impacts still a factor. Who will take care of a student who becomes sick? What will happen if a chaperone or nurse becomes sick?

Market Basket Comparisons

District	Yes/no	Comments
Acton Boxboro	No	Logistics/equity problematics
Bedford	Yes	Teachers do not receive extra compensation. All funding raised from dances.
Chelmsford	Yes	They go to Quebec. Teachers do not receive extra compensation.
Harvard	No	
Littleton	No	Cancelled during COVID. No plans to re-introduce
Lynnfield	No	Discontinued many years ago
Masconomet	No	
North Reading	No	
Westford	No	Discontinued due to equity issues and staffing.