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To: Deborah Leh, Ed. D

Board of Education

From: Eric Windover

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Date: January 17, 2018

Re: MS Ski Trip

Please accept this memo as my formal recommendation that the District approve the ski trip to Swain on March 2, 2018 (make-up date, March 9, 2018) per attached letter for grades 6-8.

Thank you for your consideration.

attachment

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TO: Wheatland-Chili Central Schools - Board of Education

FROM: Scott Melville - Middle School Ski Club Advisor

Eric Windover – Secondary School Principal

**DATE:** January 16, 2018

**RE:** Middle School Field Trip Request

For 15 consecutive years, students at the Middle School level had the opportunity to participate in a one-day school-wide field trip to Swain Winter Resort. Unfortunately, we missed this trip due to multiple weather-related cancellations during the last school year. We would like to request your permission to hold this trip again this year on March 2, 2018 (weather permitting, with a make-up date of March 9, 2018).

Each year, this successful field trip provides multiple benefits to our students. For many, it affords the opportunity to be introduced to a new lifelong physical activity that may not otherwise have been experienced. Perhaps most importantly, this trip provides students with a team-building experience that enhances the school community. Students of different ages and abilities work collaboratively with professional instructors to learn to ski or snowboard. Students build new relationships with peers and adults from their school, which helps to strengthen student to student and student to teacher relationships. It is not at all uncommon on this trip to see students that have never interacted before working together, encouraging each other, and genuinely assisting each other to become successful at this new physical challenge.

If approved, this trip will cost each student approximately \$37. This cost includes a lift ticket, equipment rental, and a lesson from a professional instructor. If additional financial need is evident, students that are unable to afford the trip can be supported through donations from school club funds as has been done in the past. It is our intention that each Middle School student attends this trip.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this memorable experience for our students.