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To: Deborah Leh, Ed. D
Board of Education

From: Brad Zilliox

Date: January, 2013

Re: MS Ski Trip

Please accept this memo as my formal recommendation that the District approve the MS Swain Winter Ski Trip on March 1, 2013 per attached letter .

Thank you for your consideration.

attachment

To: Wheatland-Chili Central Schools Board of Education

From: Brad Zilliox – Acting Secondary Principal

Scott Melville – Middle School Ski Club Advisor *Sto S. Melville*

Date: December 20, 2012

Re: Middle School Field Trip Request

For more than 10 consecutive years, students at the Middle School have had the opportunity to participate in a one-day school-wide field trip to Swain Winter Resort. We would like to request permission to hold this trip again this year on March 1, 2013 (weather permitting, with an alternative date of March 8, 2013).

Each year, this successful field trip provides multiple benefits for 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 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, lending a hand to each other, and genuinely assisting each other to be successful at this new physical challenge.

If approved, this trip will cost each student approximately \$35. Each year we agree to a flat rate with Swain, which is based on attendance of 110 students. By doing this, we are able to provide the opportunity for each student to have access to the trip. This cost includes a lift ticket, equipment rental, and a lesson from a professional instructor. If additional need is evident, students that are unable to afford the trip can be supported through donations from school club fund as has been done in the past. It is our intent that each Middle School student attends this trip.

Thank you for your consideration.