

July 17, 2018

To the valued members of USD 434 School Board, Dr. Pegram, and others,

It is my intent to pursue a new traveling option for the SFTHS vocal music program. This will closely follow the successful travel program already in place with our SFTHS band. One of our goals in our music department is to bring the world to our students through music: expose them to different culture, places, and ideas. The Vocal Music program would like to take a bigger step to bring the world to our students.

I have been in communication with Group Travel, which is the company Mr. Quilling uses and highly recommends. I am attaching their trip proposal for your information and approval. The current proposal will have us travel to St. Louis, MO for a few days over our scheduled Spring Break. They will visit theaters, the Gateway Arch, learn the history of the Mississippi River on a river cruise, and perform for/with a university choir and meet university choir faculty.

I am working closely with Mr. Quilling in getting this adventure off the ground. Expectations, qualifications, and guidelines for student participation will be nearly identical to the policies already in place.

We must understand that fundraising is a necessary part of activities like this. The cost of this maiden voyage is smaller, with the idea that a fundraising system for the vocal music program travel needs to be established. Current plans for fundraising include:

- running photo booths at all concerts (K-12) for students and parents to have nice mementos
- continuing our fall FUNdraiser talent show (Super-Charged), Fall 2018
- reviving Poinsettia sales (exploring Home Depot as a vendor), Winter 2018
- booking/performing singing Valentines for our community, Winter 2019

As our parent team is brought together more fundraising ideas may arise, and we will go through proper channels to implement them if needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this new adventure.

Lari Jarrett

Vocal Music