



Pribilof School District

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To City of St. Paul and Council:

Since the late 1970's (from elders who spoke of their trip) Pribilof School District started an educational school trip. It used to be an 8th grade trip, then it went to a 5th and 9th grade trip and now it is just a 5th grade trip. This trip is funded through parent / student fund raising, donations, entity contributions and Pribilof School District's general funds.

The main focus of this trip is to get students to explore and experience places further from home. In the past students have been to Florida, Hawaii, California, Washington DC, Seattle, and Alaska. Students experience educational focused activities, fun activities, and gain an understanding how to interact with people and customer service of stores and restaurants and budgeting their own personal funds. With your support, students will experience and gain knowledge of a world outside of their community and their social needs.

During these trips students would visit educational environments. For example: Students went to Sea World, San Diego Zoo, San Diego Air Space Museum, La Brea Tar Pits, all the Washington DC sites and government interactions, and experienced Hawaii's cultures.

These are memorable moments for students, they learn what is happening and what is available to them outside of St. Paul. I know students from my age group still talk about their 5th Grade trip and that was many, many years ago, 44 years ago!

I am writing this request to help make our 5th grade trip a memorable and educational trip they will never forget. With inflation and cost of travel continually rising it is really making a negative impact on St. Paul residents. At this time a round trip ticket range is \$1800-\$2,100. on RAVN. This year we have seven 5th graders. The cost for a group of 9 to travel on RAVN was quoted, \$13,300. This quote was a few weeks ago and I will have to get another quote when it comes time to purchase the tickets. Alaska Airlines tickets will be about \$4,200 as we will be using mileage tickets for some of the group. We are requesting any amount of funds to help pay for plane tickets, hotels, and activities.

The 5th Grade students, parents and Pribilof School District will be very appreciated for your support. The 5th Grade Students are: Karina Fratis, Juliana Kudrin, Brady Lekanof, Jayden Lekanof, Mason Melovidov, Rayelynn Myers-Melovidov, and Connor Simeonoff. See attached for student personal request letters.

Thank you again,

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