

**Agenda Item Title:** Mitchell-Neilson Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Board Meeting Date:** April 7, 2026

**Department:** Finance

**Presented by:** Trey Duke, Director of Schools

**Board Agenda Category:**

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**Summary**

Board Policy 4.302 states that any field trip request that requires students to travel out of state or stay overnight requires Board approval.

The Director of Schools is recommending the Board approve the field trip request for Mitchell-Neilson's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel across state lines to the Chattanooga Aquarium on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The students will tour the aquarium, participate in the IMAX experience, and eat lunch at Mellow Mushroom (all located on the aquarium grounds).

There will be no cost to the students for this field trip. They are using 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip funds left over from prior years.

**Staff Recommendation**

Recommending approval of Mitchell-Neilson's field trip request allowing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to the Chattanooga Aquarium.

**Fiscal Impact**

No charge to the students for this field trip.

**Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan**

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.
- Empowered:** Every student will be *empowered* through academic success