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December 8th, 2025

Dear School Board Members,
Please accept this letter as our official request for the Grassroots Leadership Development Program (GLDP) to attend the [United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) National Leadership Conference](#) in Chicago, Illinois, from February 12-15, 2026.

The mission of the USHLI conference is to "train a broad cross section of Hispanic leaders by promoting education, leadership development, and servant leadership." Crete High School's Grassroots Leadership chapter has expanded this mission to include seniors of all backgrounds who are interested in leadership service. Throughout the semester, students have met with elected and appointed officials and leaders to gain a deeper understanding of leadership positions and opportunities within our city, school, county, and state. This will be the program's 9th annual trip, and based on previous years, the experience continues to be truly impactful. With your permission, we hope to provide this opportunity once again.

Conference Highlights:

- Representation from over 40 states
- More than 1,000 affiliated groups and organizations
- Focus on empowering students and communities
- Largest cross-generational Hispanic leadership conference in the nation
- Networking with students, professionals, citizens, and public officials from all levels of government
- Engaging with recruiters, vendors and businesses

Travel Request: Permission to Travel Out of State

- Two school vehicles driven by program sponsors
- (14) students and (3) sponsors attending: Marilyn Schacht, Joaquin Muñoz, Erika Fuentes
- Students fundraised for USHLI conference costs
- Conference sessions and lodging will be at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

Other Considerations

- Students will be excused from school Wednesday-Friday, February 11-13, as the day prior to the conference is dedicated to travel to Chicago

Sincerely,
Program Sponsors & Crete's Grassroots Leadership Chapter