Alamogordo Public Schools 1211 Hawaii Ave. Alamogordo, NM 88310

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Dear APS Board Members,

I am writing to advocate for funding and permission for the Alamogordo Future Farmers of America Officers with chaperones to travel out of state to attend the 96th FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana from Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th, 2023.

The FFA Officers will be attending several workshops to learn how to promote our FFA Chapter and learn new skills in leadership. Some of the Student Workshops the Officers will be attending are: "Mentorship Matters", "Leadership is Influence", "Finding Friends in Agriculture" and "Leadership Circus."

All our Officers except for one will be graduating, which will make mentoring the new Greenhand Officers a priority to successfully lead new and current FFA members next year.

As the FFA Advisor and new high school Agriculture teacher, I will be taking advantage of the Teacher Workshops being offered throughout the week. Some of the workshops I will be attending are: "CDE/LDE Classroom Resource 101", "Empowering Future Leaders: Farmbeats for Students" and Chapter Management 101."

Our goal is to continue fundraising prior to the Convention and after to cover all our expenses for this trip and to have a healthy balance going into the next school year. I will be asking for permission to exceed the \$1000 fundraising limit per semester to help accomplish these goals.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Logan Carpenter, FFA Student President if you have any questions. You can reach me by mobile phone at (575) 635-5763 or by email at julie.stanton@alamogordoschools.org. We thank you for your time and are grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely Ms. Stanton

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