

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL  
GLENBROOK NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

To: Dr. Mike Riggle

From: Paul Pryma 

Re: Request for Addition to GBN Debate Calendar

Date: December 8, 2009

Attached is a request from Michael Greenstein, Debate Coach at GBN, to participate in the Harvard University Round Robin held February 11 - 15, 2010. Mr. Greenstein explains in his attached memo the rationale for this change in schedule. GBN will send two students to the Harvard Round Robin. These students would have otherwise competed in the Berkeley Tournaments. This change in the calendar is cost neutral.

I fully support this addition to the GBN calendar. The calendar remains well within the parameters stipulated by Board of Education guidelines.

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# Memorandum

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**To:** Paul Pryma  
**From:** Michael Greenstein  
**Date:** 12/8/2009  
**Re:** Requested Addition in GBN Debate Calendar

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The Glenbrook North Debate Team would like to submit a request to the Board of Education to make an addition in our 2009-2010 travel calendar.

We ask that we may add the Harvard University debate tournament and Round Robin held February 11-15<sup>th</sup>. We know that the competition at Harvard Round Robin this year will be very strong since participation is possible by invitation only. GBN debate received an invitation because of our success since the start of the year.

The former Director of Debate at Glenbrook North intentionally did not create a travel calendar that included the maximum number of yearly contests because she wanted to give the new Director flexibility in determining the travel schedule and give him the new option of adding invitation only tournaments (like this one) midyear. Empirically, the Board has supported District 225 participation at this contest as GBN Debate has attended the Harvard University Round Robin and Tournament in the past. Further, the Board currently supports the Harvard competition because the GBS Debate Society is attending this year.

This addition still keeps GBN Debate within the parameters of Board policies in regards to number of National Invitationals and Regional Contests. The Harvard Tournament and Round Robin will also meet Board procedures in regards to the payment of the tournament – 25% of the costs of student travel will be paid by the students.

Lastly, adding this tournament will likely result in no added cost for GBN Debate. Pending Board approval, any GBN student that would attend the Harvard competition would do so as a *replacement* to participation at the College Preparatory School Round Robin and University of California at Berkeley Tournaments. In other words, GBN debate will not offer this competition as an option to any student who was not already going to attend an equally expensive if not more expensive tournament.

**GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**Travel Requests Requiring Board of Education Approval**

**I. School**    GBN      X      GBS    \_\_\_\_\_    GBE    \_\_\_\_\_    GBOC    \_\_\_\_\_    District    \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Initiator**    Michael Greenstein    Phone    2648

Position    Director of Debate    Date of Submission    12/09/2009

**III. Date and Times of Leave/Return**

Total Number of School Days Missed per Person      2  

Departure Date/Time    2/10/2010--7:00pm    Return Date/Time    2/15/2010-8:00pm

**IV. Name of Individuals Participating in Tour:** (Attach list if necessary.)

Teachers and Staff    Tara Tate (GBS Director)

Students    Vinay Sridharan & Alexis Shklar

**V. Description, Destination, and Reason for Trip**

Harvard University Round Robin Debate Tournament

February 11-February 15, 2010


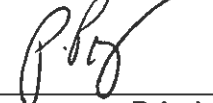
Cambridge, MA

**VI. Cost of Trip**

Was this trip included in your    Dept.    \_\_\_\_\_    Bldg.      X      District    \_\_\_\_\_    Budget?    \_\_\_\_\_

	Total Amount	Per Person	Account #
Registration	_____	_____	_____
Lodging	_____	_____	_____
Meals (Advance)	_____	_____	_____
Judging	_____	N/A	_____
Substitute Teacher	_____	N/A	_____
Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Air	_____	_____	_____
Bus/Car	_____	_____	_____
District Total	_____	N/A	N/A
Cost to Student	_____	_____	N/A

**VII. Approval**

 _____ Supervisor	 _____ Principal	_____ Superintendent
<u>12/8/09</u> Date	<u>12/9/09</u> Date	_____ Date

**Reminder:** No purchase or expenses prior to Board of Education approval.

Form approved by Board of education 12/15/97.

