

Dear Jackson County Commissioners,

On Saturday, the kids from the Fairview School Science Olympiad team claimed the title of “Regional Champions” at their competition at UNC-Asheville. With this win, they earned a bid to represent WNC schools at the State Science Olympiad competition in Raleigh on April 25th.

Last year with your generous support, the Fairview team traveled to the state competition and tied for 10th place overall – the second-highest finish ever for any team west of Charlotte. Since that time, they have been meeting after school and on Saturdays to prepare; and I think they are poised to best last year’s finish.

As their coach, I would like to once again ask for your support. I believe that the kids on this team represent some of the best qualities of all of our Jackson County students. The cost of hotel lodging, transportation, and food will be \$125 per student; and our team consists of twenty (20) students (\$2,500). As I have stressed in the past, the cost of this field trip is a very real financial burden for many of my families. As fellow educators, I know that several of you know this all too well.

I hope that you will once again consider helping our team. Of course, I would be happy to meet with you or attend an open meeting to discuss the trip. Please bear in mind that Jackson County Public Schools will not be in session from March 6th thru March 16th due to the spring break. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ray Crawford

Fairview Science Olympiad Coach

Sixth-Grade Teacher

