



# NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Washington, D.C.  
February 27–March 1, 2026

To:  
From:


I'm writing to request approval and budget support for our school's \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the LEAD Conference, taking place February 27–March 1, 2026, in Washington, D.C. This event offers an invaluable opportunity to develop our student leaders, strengthen our program, and bring fresh ideas back to our school.

## Here are several reasons why attendance would benefit our students and school community:

- Collaboration with **2,000+ student leaders and advisers** from across the country.
- Learning about **practical strategies and tools** to grow and sustain a strong student leadership program.
- Hearing from inspiring speakers, including LEAD's first confirmed keynote—**Laurie Hernandez, Olympic gold medalist**, author, and mental health advocate—with more to be announced.
- Returning with **renewed energy, actionable insights, and peer-tested ideas** to improve engagement and impact.
- Providing students with a meaningful opportunity to **develop leadership skills, build confidence**, and learn from diverse perspectives.

Students who have attended in past years have described the experience as transformative, inspiring, and a major confidence boost—helping them find their voice and return with ideas to positively impact their school communities.

We understand that cost is an important consideration. Below is a breakdown to help assess the total investment for this opportunity:



## COST BREAKDOWN

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| <i>Airfare:</i> \$ | <input type="text"/> | <i>Transportation:</i> \$  | <input type="text"/> |
| <i>Hotel:</i> \$   | <input type="text"/> | <i>Registration Fee:</i> \$  | <input type="text"/> |
| <i>Meals:</i> \$   | <input type="text"/> | <i>\$299 per person for member schools; \$474 per person for nonmember schools</i> |                      |
| <i>TOTAL:</i> \$   | <input type="text"/> |  |                      |

LEAD is a strategic investment in our students' development and in the strength of our school culture. The skills, connections, and ideas they gain will benefit our entire community well beyond the conference weekend. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Best regards,