

5/23/22

Dear Supt. Kimmel,

We are writing to request your approval for funding to attend the AER International Conference this July. AER (Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired) is an international organization for Orientation and Mobility Specialists, Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Vision Rehabilitation Therapists. This year, the Biennial International Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 20-24, 2022.

We recognize that the cost of registration is higher than our typical yearly allotted amount, however, if we can attend this event, we will fulfill most of our continuing education requirements needed to maintain our 5-year licensure. We would not require continuing education dollars next academic year.

As you know, there is a critical shortage of vision providers in Ohio. We are excited for the unique opportunity to learn from the leading researchers and educators in the field of blindness and low vision. This will fuel us in continuing to provide top notch services for our client districts.

If you consent to approval for attendance at AER International, our cost would be:

Early Bird Registration (through midnight 6/19/22): \$495 (for July 21-24)

Regular Registration (6/20/22 – 7/20/22): \$595 (for July 21-24)

There is a symposium day prior to the start of conference available (July 20<sup>th</sup>) for an additional \$150.00. We would welcome the opportunity to attend this day as well, but certainly understand if the regular conference rates are all that could be offered to us at this time.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response!

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