



August 31, 2026

To: Dr. Carlondrea Hines

From: St. Louis Park High School

Subject: High School trip to France

Re: Summary Information for School Board Review

The purpose of this memo is to provide a concise summary regarding St. Louis Park High School students' trip to France, to support informed discussion and decision-making by the School Board.

Summary:

For students to practice speaking French in the real world and experience French culture. Students having exposure and experience with a culture different from their own will foster this curiosity for a lifetime. Often when students take a trip like this in high school, it inspires them to be a world citizen, moving them to grow up into a career to make a world-wide difference. The students spend 5 days with a French family which often turns out to be their favorite part of the trip. Students are encouraged to be curious, ask a lot of questions, and live in the culture for 10 days, not just observe it. Their social confidence improves, and they are able to come back with their eyes and heart open to the possibility of more than one right way of living and being in the world.