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Minico High School
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June 17, 2019

Minidoka County School Board
310 10th Street
Rupert, Idaho 83350

Re: New Club at Minico

Dear Minidoka County School Board Members;

First off let me thank you for supporting student travel. By allowing students to be school excused for travel to Costa Rica last year, you made it possible for students that would otherwise be unable to attend to have an educational and eye-opening trip. I am very proud of the students that were on that trip and the great work that they did. They represented Minico, Idaho, and the United States extremely well.

I am writing to you today because, like you, I want to see more students in our schools become global citizens and enjoy opportunities to see the world. I've seen first hand the powerful impact travel can have on students' success. I am proposing the creation of a Travel Club at Minico High School. This club has been approved by Mr. Aston and Mr. Shippen. The Travel Club objective will be to increase students' access and opportunity to travel. Traveling to new locations and experiencing new cultures offers a rich educational experience. We also want to explore the wonders of the state of Idaho. Our focus would be short in-state trips to historic sites, natural monuments, and educational experiences. Activities like snow shoeing in the City of Rocks, hiking Box Canyon, or visiting Craters of the Moon will be available to students that may have never ventured out from our small community. This club would have something for everyone. Students will see and explore our great state and beyond.

In addition to traveling in state, we will embark on one international tour per year. In 2020, for example, we will be touring the magical country of Scotland. Students will cruise on Loch Ness, visit countless castles, learn to play bagpipes, and experience the rich historical beauty of Scotland. We are extremely excited about this trip. All International tours will be organized through accredited travel companies such as EF Tours or Worldstrides. These companies specialize in student travel and provide students with insurance coverage for any injuries or illnesses. Insurance coverage for students starts the day they depart for their destination and continues until they return home. Tour Leaders and Chaperones are well trained to handle any situations that arise and to keep students safe and secure. Minidoka School District will not be

held liable for any such incidences during these international tours. Parents may also purchase more coverage through EF Tours if they deem it necessary. Students will have the freedom choose which tours they want to participate in and what activities we do as a club. Even if they cannot take part in the international tour, they can still travel around our great state.

Of course with travel comes expenses. We would like to institute dues of \$15 to get the club going. This money will be used for buses, entrance fees, and equipment rentals, etc. We will also use this money to purchase fundraising supplies. The students involved with the international tours will pay for the bulk of the cost, with the exception of gratuities. Students will participate in fundraising activities to earn the money to pay for tipping our tour guides and bus driver. Our ideas for fundraising include working the Agora Store, selling approve treats during a specified period of time, and a 5K fun run or Highland Games type activity. The money spent by this club would come solely from fundraising and dues. Students will pay for any additional expenses for their travel.

Travel is an invaluable, educational experience and the Travel Club will open possibilities to students who are otherwise unable to take advantage of this great opportunity. Our state is rich in geological wonders, historical locations, and ecological experiences. Our students deserve the opportunity to explore it. The Travel Club will make this experience easier and give more students the opportunity to investigate their world.

Thank you for your time, service and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lorinda Garner
MHS Science Teacher
Hopeful Future Travel Club Advisor



Josh Aston, Principal
Minico High School

Date: 6/10/19



Ty Shippen, Activity Director
Minico High School

For Ty Shippen

Date: 6/12/19

Minico High School Travel Club Waiver and Release of Liability

Outdoor Recreation: _____

Trip Dates: _____ to _____

Please review, sign, date; and return this form to: Travel Club Advisor

For and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in the above mentioned activity I do hereby agree to indemnify, release and hold harmless the Minidoka School District #331, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, inclusive of its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, insurers and any elected or appointed officials of Minidoka School District from any and all civil liability involving any and all forms of injury except those which may arise as a result of willful, wanton or reckless conduct by Minidoka County School District or its agents adding unwarranted danger to my participation in such event.

I understand that although direct supervision by Minidoka County School District #331 staff will be provided, traveling to or from and participating in the aforementioned activity, I expose myself to the risk of injuries including but not limited to the following: temporary or permanent muscle soreness, sunburn, exposure to the elements, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage; head, neck, or spinal injuries, loss of use of arms and/or legs, eye damage, weather-related accidents, emotional trauma, disfigurement, or death.

I acknowledge that there are risks associated with my participation in the event identified on this Release, and I agree to assume those risks. I hereby grant this release, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I affirm that I am at least eighteen (18) years old. _____ (INITIAL). If under the age of eighteen (18) years old this waiver must also be signed by my legal parent or guardian.

It is the policy of the Minidoka School District that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, use of a controlled substance, or the purchase, sale, possession, use, or consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited on school premises and at all school-sponsored events and activities on and off campus. Drug and alcohol policy violations may also constitute violations of laws and students are accountable to both the school district and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

State and federal laws also prohibit the use and/or possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. Minidoka School District reserves the right to notify appropriate law enforcement agency when violation of the alcohol and drug policy is also a violation of law.

If any part of this Waiver is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts or portions shall be enforceable. This release and all matters related to your activities involving Minidoka School District shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with Idaho law.

I have carefully read this Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability is a contract between Minidoka School District #331 and myself and I sign it of my own free will.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN:

(Participant Signature)

(Participant Printed Name)

(Guardian Signature)

(Guardian Printed Name)