



**April 8, 2026**

**To:** Dr. Carlondrea Hines

**From:** St. Louis Park High School

**Subject:** Field Trip to Vienna, Leadership Conference, Budapest

**Re:** Summary Information for School Board Review

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

**Summary:**

Travel through the heart of Central Europe to explore how civic engagement shapes democracy, from the halls of parliament buildings to the grassroots organizations driving change today. Students will witness the power of citizen action and return home inspired to make their voice heard in their own community. Traveling and experiencing other cultures and parts of the world play a vital role in developing globally minded, empathetic, and responsible citizens. These opportunities broaden students' perspectives and help them grow as thoughtful contributors to their communities and the world. By engaging in these experiences, students' voices and perspectives are honored, their cultural competence is strengthened, and they are empowered to reach their full potential as racially conscious, globally minded learners.

**Additional Note:**

The trip to London for Summer 2027 never had a meeting for parents and families interested. This meeting was to take place in January 2026, but due to the events in Minnesota at that time, the timing for recruitment for this trip was never presented to families. After consideration, this theme of the trip fits more appropriately with our young leaders and the role they'll play in our democracy. This package is less expensive than the London trip.