

TO: Members of the Vicksburg School Board

FROM: Jennifer Teall, High School French Teacher



RE: 2012 trip to France

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The time has come to again offer Vicksburg French students the opportunity to experience the history and culture of a French-speaking country first-hand.

I am proposing a ten-day trip to France departing June 12 and returning June 21, 2012. At this time, 14 students and 8 adults have paid for the trip. The cost to each student is \$3850, excluding spending money, passport fees, etc. The French club continues to provide opportunities for students to earn money to offset the costs of the trip through various fundraising activities.

The lead teacher on this trip will be Allison Lamers, the world language teacher at the middle school. I will not be traveling with this group on this trip to France. Allison has successfully escorted Vicksburg students abroad in the past and I have every confidence she will do so again on this trip.

The students and parents will be traveling with VIE, Vistas in Education, for this trip to France. I have personally traveled with this company several times for French Club trips to France and was very satisfied with their service. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed itinerary, registration materials including release form, inclusions and expenses, and cancellation policy.

I respectfully ask the Board of Education to support this opportunity for Vicksburg students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-life situations.

DISCOVER FRANCE – TRAVEL ONLY Summer Itinerary

- Day 1 **Depart from the USA**
- Day 2 **Paris** Spend the day in the French capital with your teachers to see the places you've been learning about in your French classes.
- Day 3 **Paris** Day of visits in Paris organized by your teachers. Possibilities include: Notre Dame, Musée d'Orsay, Sacré Coeur. Enjoy an evening boat ride on the Seine to see the "City of Light" from a new perspective.
- Day 4 **Honfleur** Visit the house and gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny. Stop to see the Place du Vieux Marché and the cathedral in Rouen on your way to scenic Honfleur.
- Day 5 **St Malo** Learn about D-Day history in Normandy while visiting the Landing beaches, the Musée du Débarquement and the American Cemetery.
- Day 6 **St Malo** Explore the abbey and village of Mont St Michel and spend a free afternoon to discover the seaside city of St Malo, famous for its ramparts and pirate history.
- Day 7 **Amboise** Head for the Loire Valley. Stop to view the sculptured gardens of Villandry and tour the château of Amboise with its spiral ramp.
- Day 8 **Amboise** Spend your day visiting the châteaux of Chenonceau and Chambord. Stop to see one of the famous wine cellars of Vouvray.
- Day 9 **Paris** Early departure for Paris stopping along the way at the cathedral in Chartres to view its breathtaking stained glass windows. Afternoon in Paris for final sightseeing and shopping in the city. Early Sign-up students enjoy a dinner at one of Paris' famous landmarks and a ride to the top of the Eiffel Tower.
- Day 10 **Return to USA**