



**Board Meeting Date:** 9.11.23

**Title:** Cancellation of Croatia Travel Experience

**Type:** Action

**Presenters:** Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Jenn Carter, Edina High School Assistant Principal

**Description:** On 4.17.23 the board approved the consent agenda item to change the location of the previously approved Dominica travel experience to Croatia. This change was brought to the board due to a change with the travel company, Operation Wallacea. As noted in the 5.15.23 Consent report:

*The Dominica experience is no longer available. It is no longer available because the cost of the travel experience has gone up substantially since the original quote was obtained. Operation Wallacea has pulled the Dominica experience from their offerings due to this cost increase and the lack of attainability for families to pay for it. Operation Wallacea has offered Croatia as an alternative location.*

At this time, due to unforeseen circumstances, Edina Public Schools is now recommending the cancellation of the Croatia travel experience. This recommendation is coming after thorough consideration and collaboration specific to safety concerns in alignment with board policy 538, section II C, and the commitment to our Edina students that we ensure an environment that adheres to both policy and the Edina vision and mission. It is our commitment that all students feel safe, respected, and comfortable during school-sponsored activities. This recommendation is a direct acknowledgment of the evolving standards and expectations for safety and the health and well being of each and every individual in today's society.

**Recommendation:** This report is recommending the approval to cancel the Croatia travel experience.

**Desired Outcomes from the Board:** Review the report and approve the cancellation of the Croatia travel experience.