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To: Dr. Jeff Turner  
CISD Board of Trustees  
From: Bruce Hermans  
Date: August 20th  
Re: Spring 2013 Theatre Department Trip to London/Paris

In an effort to broaden the education of our Theatre students, we have created a program of both domestic and international travel. Last year we took 47 students and parents on a 5 day trip to New York City where they not only experienced Broadway productions but also had 4 workshops and meetings with Broadway practitioners. In addition to experiencing the life and sites of New York, the group also toured a major University and a highly acclaimed Film Academy.

This year we have endeavored to broaden our experience by adding an international trip to the agenda. Our intent is to travel domestically 3 out of 4 years and in the 4<sup>th</sup> year allow the students to experience Theatre and its excellence overseas.

I would like to formally request your approval to travel with one of three international travel companies from which we have received bids for this trip. Though all three companies have brought us very equal bids, I am leaning toward using NETC Educational Travel because of their reputation for service, safety and education.

While on the trip, our students will experience a study of the heritage and history of both theatre and the visual arts in London, England, its surrounding countryside and later spend two days in Paris, France. Students will learn via a paid travel guide about the importance of London's West End and the history of the Shakespearean Theatre. Students will also see three major theatre shows on London's West End and will also participate in three special acting workshops led by professionals in the English Theatre. The trip will be augmented with historical site-seeing journeys to various locations in London and Paris, including but not limited to: Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, the British Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, Stratford-on-Avon, the Globe Theatre Replica, Gloucester Cathedral, Warwick Castle, the Paris Opera, the Eiffel Tower, the Baroque Palace of Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre Museum.

The proposed trip dates are March 7 to March 14, 2013. This would require an absence of two days from classes leading into our spring break.

Thank you!  
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