



**Agenda IV.A.7.
April 9, 2026**

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Latanya Daniels, superintendent
Date: April 9, 2026
Re: Final Approval for the Travel Club trip to Switzerland and Italy, June 29-July 8, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the final application of an extended field trip for the Travel Club trip to Switzerland and Italy, June 29-July 8, 2026.

Date: June 29-July 8, 2026

Destination: Switzerland and Italy

Name of sponsoring staff: Alicia Vonderharr; Gloria Webber and Landen Parkin, teachers

Name of sponsoring Activity/Program: Burnsville High School Travel Club

Preliminary School Board Approval: October 10, 2024

Description of Proposed Program and Educational Objectives: Students will be immersed in history and culture during a 10-day trip to Switzerland and Italy. On this private tour, students will walk across Europe's oldest covered bridge, go to the top of a Swiss mountain, ride gondolas in Venice, and witness the effects of the Renaissance in Rome. Students will eat meals that have been selected to establish a more immersive cultural experience, and students are helping to design parts of the tour to suit their interests.

Using EF's EF Educational Tours guided learning model, students develop an essential question prior to leaving on the trip. Then, utilizing EF's Personalized Learning Guide, students investigate that question during the trip. College essay help connected to their final project will also be available for any interested student.

Rules of Conduct for Students and Chaperones: All students and chaperones have completed permission waivers and have been informed of our District Rules of Conduct.

Transportation Information: Plane and Buses

Lodging: Mid-priced, well respected and travel agency recommended local hotels.

Final Number of Students: 20

Number of Chaperones: 3

Emergency Planning: The team has provided their full itinerary, as well as waivers and emergency contact information for all students and chaperones.

Chaperone Expenses: \$190

Will a travel agency be used: Yes – EF Educational Tours

Actual Share of Group Expense (please list any expenses that will be incorporated into the cost of students):

Airfare - \$1730

Ground Travel - \$699

Lodging - \$3000

Personal Expenses - \$40/Day

Total Expenses as of March 2, 2026: \$5429 (does not include personal expenses)

Administrative Approval: Principal Sandoval and Dr. Daniels have approved this application.