



TO: Finance Committee
FROM: Kate Falvey, MA
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DATE: September 19, 2022
RE: Approval of short-term exchange program

Please consider approving the continuation of the short-term German exchange program. This program has been at FHS for over 30 years, operating independently. I have been asked to transfer administration of this exchange to the District, per Scott Gerdes, Director of Finance and Operations.

The GAPP (German-American Partnership Program) short-term exchange program will take place in summer (June) 2023. It is 3 weeks long and involves homestays in our sister city of Würzburg, Germany. The reciprocation of the program involves students from Würzburg coming to Faribault in Fall 2023. I hope to continue this program in the summer of every odd numbered year.

The short-term exchange program will cost individual students approximately \$2500, which includes all transport, housing when not with host families, most meals, and some outings. There will be several fundraising opportunities for students to help offset their costs, including, but not limited to: Basilio's and Eagle's Club bussing tables, and selling fundraising products. There are also scholarships available from GAPP and being involved with GAPP supports the teacher leaders financially as well.

Respectfully submitted,
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