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TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education Members

FROM: Brian Borowski

RE: **China Trip 2027**

Ms. Xiuping Zhu, Chinese Instructor at the High School is requesting permission to begin the process of organizing a trip to **China for the summer of 2027**. At this time, she is seeking approval to begin promoting and enrolling students to participate in the trip. If the Board approves Ms. Zhu's request to begin meeting with parents, guardians, and students to plan this trip in its entirety, a more defined outline will then be established confirming student cost, final itinerary, student behavioral guidelines, and the list of chaperones.

Ms. Zhu shared with me the following trip proposal. She is requesting permission to organize a 2027 trip abroad to China with High School students to have the opportunity to fully immerse in Chinese culture.

Should the Board approve Ms. Zhu's request to meet with parents, guardians, and students to begin planning this trip, a more definitive trip outline will be established to include:

1. Final Itinerary
2. Travel information
3. Final cost of trip per participant (including extra expenses not included in price)
4. Actual number of students attending
5. List of chaperones

In previous trips abroad, the students who participated have represented themselves, Waunakee Community High School and the Waunakee Community School District in a positive manner. Therefore, I approve this request and ask that you do the same.

Please feel free to contact me or Ms. Zhu with questions related to this request.

Dear Mrs. Lensert,

Greetings of peace!

I, together with the all Chinese class students and in conjunction with Phoenix Tree Publishing Company, I am planning to have a field trip abroad to China in summer 2027. The trip aims to explore and learn beyond the classroom: it will not only give the students an opportunity of immersion in learning. Chinese, but also give them an eye-opening chance for them to experience the totally different culture and hence to motivate their interest in Chinese learning.

China School Trips

There has never been a better time to travel to the great nation of China. Its worldwide importance and influence reaches every part of our lives as it emerges as an economic, trade and cultural super power. Such a diverse and fascinating country with its treasure trove of cultural and historical delights benefits students across all study topics and of course, as an “awe and wonder” experience.

Introduction to China

The People’s Republic of China is the World’s most populated country with 1.3 billion people and the third largest by the total area with 9.6 million square kilometers. Visiting China is a life changing experience for all who travel there. There are world famous sites alongside lesser known ones, enthralling places of astonishing beauty and those of historical significance. It is easy to be impressed by such magical sites such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. However, the greatest experience our group will gain on this school trip is engaging with the people. Not only do they bring to life China’s rich heritage and tradition, but they have embraced the modern world and are the key to China’s emergence as an industrial, technical, financial and cultural super power.

I kindly request you to give the permission for this trip. We would be pleased to receive a positive response regarding this matter.

Thank You!

Yours Sincerely

Xiuping Zhu (Class Teacher)

4/28/2026