



**Board Meeting Date: February 13, 2023**

**TITLE:** Normandale Elementary to Bordeaux, France

**TYPE:** Action

**PRESENTERS:** Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning; Chris Holden, Principal Normandale Elementary; and Lynnea West, Normandale Elementary Media Specialist

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with Policy 538, the following international student travel experience for 22 Normandale Elementary French Immersion School students for 12 days in June of 2024 has received support from the school's administration and been discussed at the Teaching and Learning Board Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Participating students will not miss any school days for this summer travel experience.

This expedition is coordinated by Language & Friendship, an international student travel exchange program that partners with communities in cultural exchange programs. Students spend time in French schools, living with host families and participating in several local excursions.

In addition to providing growth opportunities in their target language acquisition, this cultural exchange student travel experience supports learning in authentic context.

**COST:** The anticipated inclusive cost of this experience is approximately \$3,925 per student. This price is inclusive of all transportation, accommodations, meals, transfers, medical and repatriation insurance. Students will be responsible for all costs. There will be need-based scholarships and other scholarships offered. There will also be some fundraising opportunities.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All students and chaperones will travel as a group from Minneapolis to Bordeaux and return via a major U.S. international airline or partner.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Students and chaperones will be housed with host families organized and vetted by the French partner of Language & Friendship, Terre des Langues.

**SUPERVISION:** Staff members traveling with the group are Lynnea West, Emma Cole and Ann Abel, who are licensed staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss the student travel experience. It will be brought back to the board for action on 2.13.23.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR THE BOARD:** Review the background information and provide feedback on the student travel experience.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. [District Wide International Travel Schedule](#)
2. [Appendix III Board Policy 538 , Extended Field Trip and Travel Application Preliminary Approval](#)
3. [Family Presentation](#)
4. [Insurance](#)