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To: Dr. Jeff Turner  
CISD Board of Trustees  
From: Irma Kennedy  
Date: March 8, 2012  
Re: EMAC Academy trip to Costa Rica

As part of the focus on creating global awareness among our Academy students, we would like to promote international travel as a group. In this first year, EMAC has three students interested in traveling to Costa Rica this summer. I would like to formally request your approval to travel with international travel company EF Tours, based in Boston, Mass.

While on tour, students will study eco-diversity with a focus on communicating the issues of biodiversity as they serve as reporters and explain the issues through multimedia projects for EMAC and Coppell High School. In addition, since all the students and I speak Spanish, we will create a Spanish-language immersion program that will allow us to improve our foreign language acquisition.

The proposed trip departs June 13-21<sup>st</sup>. Over the course of ten days, we will be going to the nation's capital of San Jose, the Arenal Region (Northwest Mountainous region), Monteverde (where New Tech will be, south of Arenal), Carara( Central Pacific Coast), Manuel Antonio National Park (Southern Pacific coastline), and Sarchi (central Costa Rica).

Thank you!  
Irma Kennedy  
EMAC Academy Lead