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

FROM: Brian Borowski

RE: Proposal for a 2027 Science & Service Trip
Peru *(Lima, Cusco, Manu National park, Machu Picchu, etc.)*

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I am writing to request permission for Ms. Meg Shaffar, High School Science Instructor, to begin planning a Summer 2027 Science and Service trip to Peru.

This proposed trip would center on students exploring and studying the importance of the Amazon rainforest ecosystem. Students would have the opportunity to participate in research and survey work within a rainforest recovery zone in partnership with the Crees Foundation. Through this experience, students would gain a better understanding of the environmental, economic, cultural, and governmental factors that impact the health of this vital ecosystem.

Students interested in participating would be expected to complete pre-trip research and preparation, as well as take part in fundraising efforts. These requirements will help ensure that students are academically prepared and invested in the experience.

At this stage, we are simply asking for approval for Ms. Shaffar to move forward with initial planning, including meeting with parents, guardians, and students to review the itinerary and determine interest. Because this is an international trip, Board approval is required before planning can proceed.

Chaperones will be selected once student commitment numbers are confirmed, with a planned ratio of one chaperone for every five students. Students who have traveled previously with Ms. Shaffar have represented themselves, our High School, and the community very positively.

Thank you for considering this request and for supporting meaningful learning opportunities for our students.