



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 14th, 2023 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Heidi Morris

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I want to take a group of students to Costa Rica in June 2024. Right now the size of that group is looking to be around five students.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

We would travel with Explorica, a company with more than 50 years of experience. They would provide all our travel arrangements, a 24/7 tour guide to accompany us, and all the events in our itinerary. See the attached information.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Students who study abroad receive both immediate and life-long advantages, including better grades, more likelihood of college and college success, and a sense of themselves as citizens of the world. Additionally, because Explorica is a certified educational establishment, they have the opportunity to earn high school or college credit.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The cost is \$2800 per student, which is a sizable sum beyond the reach of some families. There is always risk inherent in travel, especially international travel. Travel insurance is available from Explorica for the trip.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

The only way to experience another country is to travel abroad.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No



Costa Rica Highlights

explorica.com/Morris-7999

June 17 - June 24, 2024

Day 1 **Hola San José** (groups flying from the west coast may be required to depart day 0)

Meet your tour director and check into hotel

Day 2 **San José--Arenal**

Coffee Plantation visit
Travel to Arenal

Day 3 **Arenal landmarks**

Lake Arenal kayaking tour
1968 Volcano View and Lava Trails
Hot springs visit

Day 4 **Arenal--Coastal Puntarenas**

Travel to Coastal Puntarenas
Crocodile Safari
Free time at the beach
Optional Horseback ride

Day 5 **Coastal Puntarenas**

Volunteer at a wildlife rescue center
Optional Yoga class by the beach

Day 6 **Manuel Antonio excursion**

Manuel Antonio National Park guided visit

Day 7 **Coastal Puntarenas--San José**

Canopy zipline tour
Travel to San José
Optional Folklore evening

Day 8 **End tour**



Reserve your Spot!



Tour Center ID: Morris-7999
Registration deadline: June 01, 2023

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays (8 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Tour Diary™
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

Tour investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$2,861
Adults (age 23 and over): \$3,301

Price reflects savings of \$110 scholarship. Sign up by 6/1/2023 and enter code Travel5K in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just \$50 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of May 18, 2023, your monthly payment would be just \$255.55. (Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.com/paymentplans.)

Travel protection

Most Explorica travelers protect their investment with one of our trusted plans, starting from just \$16 per day. To learn more, visit explorica.com/cfar.

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