

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

September 10, 2012

Subject:

France/American Partnership 2013

Presenter:

**Jason Swanson
French Teacher BHS**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Seeking preliminary approval to participate in a French immersion home stay program during spring break of 2013 (March 21st-March 30th)

DESCRIPTION:

The French Department, in an effort to continue a current and future relationship with their home stay community in Bergerac, France, is requesting support at a district level for travel. This will be the fourth student-led travel opportunity for students with Jason Swanson as leader. The French department uses ISE, a local non-profit organization, for additional support for travel. Students and leaders would be insured through ISE as well as the district for travel. Prior approval is required from students to participate in the program. Students must be at a third level of French or higher to participate. Students must also be current juniors or seniors at BHS. Students must apply by completing a letter of intent explaining why they feel this experience is of value, two letters of recommendation completed by a non-family member, as well as a general application provided by ISE. Once formally approved for the program, students are required to attend preparation meetings. Financial aid, student travel grants, and partial college credits are available and encouraged.

ATTACHMENT(S):