

## Southington Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:30 PM

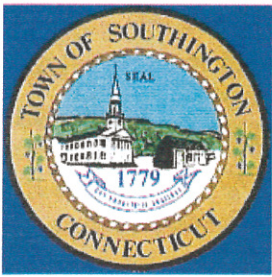
John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, CT 06489

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### SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Executive Session to discuss student matters, Personnel and unaffiliated employees 6:30 p.m.
3. Celebration of Excellence for Profiles in Professionalism ~ 7:00 p.m.
4. Reconvene Meeting ~ Regular Session
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of Minutes ~ April 27, 2017
7. Communications
  - a. Communications from Audience
  - b. Communications from Board Members
  - c. Communications from Administration
  - d. Communications from Student Representatives
8. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Personnel Report
9. Old Business
  - a. Town Government Communications
10. New Business
  - a. Foreign Field Trip Approval
  - b. Expulsion of Students
11. Adjournment



# SOUTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Press Release

For release: April 19, 2017

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Superintendent of Schools

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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

**2016-2017**

### Profiles in Professionalism Honorees

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The following are the honorees for the **Southington Public Schools 2016-2017 Profiles in Professionalism** who will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Municipal Center, Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, CT.

Southington High School

ALTA

Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School

John F. Kennedy Middle School

Derynoski Elementary School

Flanders Elementary School

Hatton Elementary School

Kelley Elementary School

Plantsville Elementary School

South End Elementary School

Strong Elementary School

Thalberg Elementary School

Central Office

Maintenance

Lee Ann Miller, School Counselor

Dan Patterson, Social Studies Teacher

Marlene Carbone, School Nurse

Amy Perry, Grade 6 Social Studies  
Teacher

Kate Colonero, Grade 5 Teacher

Deborah Crean, Literacy Specialist

Charity Baker, Teacher Leader /  
Interim Principal

Denise Sadowski, Grade 4 Teacher

Susan Smith, School Nurse

Jill Brilla, Grade 3 Teacher

Erika Mihok, Special Education  
Teacher

Dawn Brown, Paraprofessional

Noreen Whyte, Secretary to  
Accounting Manager

Christopher Bruton, HVAC Tech 1

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*The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of the agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at [www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org). These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education meeting.*

## **SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 27, 2017**

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The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, Connecticut with Executive Session scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Brian Goralski, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark (*arrived at 6:35 p.m.*), Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Brian Goralski, Mr. Zaya Oshana, and Mrs. Patricia Queen.

Absent were Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terry Lombardi.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Steven Madancy, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance.

#### **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-RENEWALS OF INTERIM TEACHERS, STUDENT MATTERS, AFSCME AND UPSEU NEGOTIATIONS, AND NONUNION STAFF HEALTH BENEFITS**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

**"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing non-renewals of interim teachers, student matters, AFSCME and UPSEU Negotiations, and Nonunion staff health benefits, and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 6:51 p.m.

#### **3. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Brian Goralski, Mr. Zaya Oshana and Mrs. Patricia Queen. Absent were Mr. Robert Brown and Mrs. Terry Lombardi.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance; Mr. Peter Romano, Director of Operations and Ms. Margaret Walsh, Director of Special Services.

Student representatives present were Miss Samantha Steeves, Miss Samantha Martins and Mr. Joseph Martin.

#### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The American Legion Veterans led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goralski called for a moment of silence in memory of:

- Audrey Zack who was employed by the Southington Public Schools for 30 years teaching at Kennedy, DePaolo and Southington High School where she was the department chairperson for social studies.
- Ed Kalat who was a longtime coach of girl's tennis and paid for the rededication of the high school tennis courts.
- Zaya A. Oshana, a former Board of Education member, who served the community and children of the town of Southington for 34 years. His son, Zaya G. Oshana currently serves on the Board of Education. Mr. Goralski read a letter that he received from Mr. Robert Raider, Executive Director of CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) praising Mr. Oshana's dedication to education.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ March 23, 2017

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

**“Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of March 23, 2017, as submitted.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Oshana abstaining.**

##### a. Special Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to approve the special Board of Education minutes of April 19, 2017, as submitted.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Champagne abstaining.**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to move Agenda Item 10.a ‘Diploma for Veteran’ to Agenda Item 5.b.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**b. Diploma for Veteran (formerly Agenda Item 10.a)**

In a brief ceremony, fellow classmate and Board of Education member David Derynoski presented Mr. Edward DeGumbia, who withdrew from high school to fight in Vietnam 51 years ago, his high school diploma. Mr. Steve McCarty, Commander of Kiltonic Post 72 of the American Legion and former classmate of Mr. DeGumbia, brought this to the Board's attention.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to award the Southington High School diploma to Edward DeGumbia.”**

ROLL CALL VOTE – YES: Mrs. Carmody, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Champagne, Mr. Oshana, Mrs. Queen, Mr. Goralski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 7:07 p.m.*

*Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:20 p.m.*

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Communications from Audience**

Nineteen (19) people spoke advocating that the Board of Education not eliminate the middle school sports programs or the World Language Elementary Spanish Program in the proposed reallocation of the budget. Listed below are the people who spoke and their topic:

Tina Riccio, 124 Andrews Street, World Language

Jack Eisenman, 71 Belrose Avenue, Sports and extracurricular activities

Aidan Conner, 104 Carter Lane, World Language

Mike Taylor, 175 Maplewood Road, Middle School Sports

Dorie Perugini, 174 Summer Street, World Language

Brittany Conner, 104 Carter Lane, World Language

Christine Shanley Buck, 358 West Street, Middle School Sports

Matthew Morgan, 19 Canterbury Lane, Middle School Sports

Catherine Myers, 1000 East Street, World Language

Alexah Zaczynski, 60 Sunset Ridge, Middle School Sports

Rebecca Graven, 53 Porriello Drive, World Language

Kim Salerno, 166 Meriden Avenue, World Language

Makena Dlugos, 101 Silver Oak Circle, Middle School Sports

David Marek, 230 Monarch Drive, Middle School Sports

Steven Cova, 74 Parkview Drive, World Language

Aidan Buck, 358 West Street, Middle School Sports

Tim Perry, 441 Mulberry Street, World Language

Carson Stifel, 80 Blossom Way, World Language

Sean Buck, 358 West Street, Sports

Mary Mulligan did not speak but handed out a letter regarding middle school sports.

Mr. Goralski stated that the Board will continue to listen to the public's input and intends to support the budget as presented, which includes the middle school sports and World Language

Elementary Spanish Program. However, if the money that the Board of Finance and Town Council have cut from the education budget is not restored, the Board of Education will have difficult decisions to make. He encouraged the audience members to contact the state legislators because they control the budget monies that have put the town in this position of possible budget cuts.

*Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 8:09 p.m.*

*Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 8:19 p.m.*

**b. Communication from Board Members**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to add Agenda Item 10.d ‘Student Expulsions’ to the agenda.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

- Mr. Derynoski reported that the Technology Advisory Board met and the curriculum and activities under the direction of Justin Mirante and Nancy Chiero are shaping up nicely for the high school and middle schools next year.
- Mr. Oshana thanked CAFE for the letter regarding his father and the community and Board of Education for all the support that they have given his family.
- Mrs. Queen congratulated the cast, crew and directors of the middle school play “Beauty and the Beast.”
- Mrs. Clark announced that South End School was putting on their production of “Peter Pan” the upcoming weekend.

**c. Communication from Administration**

Administration reported on the following:

1. SHS Students Letters: Mr. Connellan announced that two Southington High School students sent him letters as an English class assignment; Chase Swain regarding the benefits of drinking milk and Jordan Knibbs regarding school uniforms. Mr. Madancy will debate the students on Tuesday morning.
2. Healthy and Wise: Mrs. DiNello updated the Board on the work of the Healthy and Wise Committee and the current and upcoming events offered to school and town employees. The May Newsletter with the current offerings has recently been emailed. Board members are welcome to participate.
3. All Night Graduation Celebration: Ms. Walsh announced that the All Night Graduation Party would be held on June 20 this year from 9:00 p.m. through 4:00 a.m. There is no cost for the graduates, which is sustained by fundraising and donations. She has been in contact with STEPS and Youth Services who will be contributing service time and/or door prizes. The All Night Graduation Celebration Committee will be networking to get more people involved to support this celebration.
4. Testing Day: Mr. Madancy reported that the CAPT and SAT tests were taken on April 5, 2017 at the high school. This was the first time that science and the SAT were combined on the same day in order to minimize the disruption to the

instructional schedule. There was excellent participation for the CAPT test; however, not all students were able to complete the online test due to issues with the state testing server being overloaded with everyone simultaneously logging in. The SATs were not taken online and they had excellent participation with no issues. He noted that the Board made the appropriate decision to let the students go home after taking the four-hour SAT.

**d. Communications from Student Representatives:**

Mr. Martin reported on the following:

- He thanked the people who spoke regarding the World Language and Middle School Sports programs, which he thought were good feeder programs to the high school sports, as evidenced by the championship banners hanging in the gym.
- The Spring Band/Orchestra and Choir concerts were held this past week. On Monday, April 24 the Fifth-Grade Silver Star concert was held and Mr. Martin was a helper/mentor. The Chorus, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble concerts were held on Tuesday, April 25 and the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz bands held their concert on Wednesday, April 25.
- Mr. Martin, and others, will be inducted into the National Honor Society on May 3.
- The Junior Prom is Saturday, April 29.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> is a Substance Abuse Awareness event with guest speakers at the high school.

Miss Samantha Steeves reported on the following:

- On May 9, 2017, the Key Club will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive during the day for all students over the age of 17 who wish to donate blood.
- The Academic Awards Program will be held the evening of May 10.
- On May 10, during the day, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from DePaolo will be at SHS to tour the Technology and Engineering facilities for the first time.
- There will be 389 Students taking AP exams on May 1, which is the highest number of students to date.

Miss Samantha Martins reported on the following:

- She noted that her AP credits were transferable to her college and that there was a wide variety of AP classes at the high school from which to choose.
- Representatives from the medical field spoke at "Training for Tomorrow," held on Monday, April 24.
- The Robotics Team came in first in the Regional competition and they are currently in St. Louis, Missouri at the World competitions.
- Ms. Martins announced that she committed to the University of Rhode Island studying Speech Pathology and minoring in Spanish.
- Ms. Steeves announced that she would be attending Vassar College studying International Studies with a minor in Arabic with plans to attend law school.

Mr. Goralski asked Mr. Connellan to forward his letter to parents regarding the budget to the student representatives to share with their peers and encourage the students to write to the state legislators regarding passing the state budget in a timely manner.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Report**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

**“Move to approve the Personnel Report, as presented.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting ~ April 6, 2017**

Mrs. Carmody reported that the committee reviewed and approved new textbooks for the business and math departments to be voted on at tonight's meeting. There was an English Language Learners (ELL) presentation, now called “EL”, regarding the different cultures and languages represented within Southington, the entrance and exit criteria for the EL program and the programming offered to the students on a daily basis.

**b. Finance Committee Meeting ~ April 20, 2017**

**1. Custodial Bid Award ~ #2018-BID-01:**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to award bid #2018-BID-01 for three years to Champion Maintenance Services for the Municipal Center and SJ Services for Southington High School, DePaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools and Derynoski Elementary School.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mrs. Clark recused herself from the discussion on the next two items because she is a YMCA employee.

**2. YMCA Expansion – South End Elementary School:**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

**“Move to approve the lease agreement to expand the YMCA P.M. Child Care Program to South End Elementary School in August of 2017.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Clark abstaining.**

**3. YMCA Rates 2017-2018:**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

**“Move to approve the YMCA School-aged Child Care Program 2017-2018 rates as recommended by the Finance Committee.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Clark abstaining.**

Mrs. Clark reported that the administrators were advised that school supply line items were frozen on April 3, 2017 due to cost overruns in the special education outplaced tuition accounts and shortfalls in the electricity and gas accounts. Mr. Goralski stated that he contacted both Chairman Leary of the Board of Finance and Chairman Riccio of the Town Council and would send a follow-up email to inform them of a possible appropriation request because of the tight budget this year with a potential \$300,000 shortfall.

**4. Transfer of Funds:**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to approve the Transfer of Funds, as presented.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mrs. Clark reported that Mrs. Mellitt was working on developing a list of all contracts in place with vendors, which is a work in progress.

**9. OLD BUSINESS****a. Town Government Communications**

Mrs. Queen reported that the Facility Advisory Committee met on April 4, 2017 and that none of the grass fields were playable at that time because of the weather conditions; therefore, the turf field was accommodating all the teams. Dalton will be fixing the track this spring. Mrs. Queen provided a Four-Year Summary of the Turf Field Fund along with the Southington Community Turf Field Complex revenue balance (*Attachment #1*). The Band Backers will be donating \$600, which was not included. To date, the recreational leagues have contributed \$8,000 and the Board of Education with the \$1.00 ticket contribution is up to \$32,627 for this year. The total turf replacement fund is \$126,400.

Mr. Goralski announced there is a special meeting between the Town Council, Board of Finance and Board of Education on Monday, May 1, 2017 to discuss potentially modifying the schedule for adoption of the budget because of a Supreme Court case that allows adjustment of scheduling adoption due to exigent circumstances, which is the state not passing a budget. Currently, the Town Council adoption of the budget is scheduled for May 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Public Assembly Room. The Board of Finance is scheduled to set the mill rate on May 10, 2017.

**b. Construction Update**

Mr. Romano reported that the maintenance staff is gearing up for the summer projects with the Tech I maintenance employees acting as Project Managers on the different projects, which is new this year. Mr. Romano gave an in-depth report of all the summer projects the maintenance department will be performing.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Diploma for Veteran** (*Moved to Agenda Item 5.b*)
- b. **Non-renewals of Interim Teachers**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Queen, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

**“Move that the contracted individuals on the list shared by the Superintendent be non-renewed for the 2017-2018 school year.”**

The contracts of the following individuals will be not be renewed: Audra Sullivan, Laurie Egan, Samantha Smith, Timothy Testerman, Leonard Fredericks and Gervais Barger. Mr. Goralski stated that this action is not a reflection of the work and performance of the individuals named and was a statutory requirement. He thanked them for their service.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

- c. **Textbook Approvals**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Queen:

**“Move to approve the purchase of the Business Communications, Advanced Accounting, and Bid Ideas Geometry textbooks that are endorsed by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

- d. **Student Expulsions #2016-2017-18, #2016-2017-19, #2016-2017-20**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to expel students #2016-2017-18, #2016-2017-19 and #2016-2017-20 as stipulated by the Superintendent of Schools.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to adjourn.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Blanchard*  
Recording Secretary

**TURF FIELD FUND**  
**FOUR YEAR SUMMARY (FY 14 - FY 17 YTD)**

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	YTD FY 17
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	3,775	12,310	49,844	88,388
<b>REVENUES</b>				
BRICK FUNDRAISER	2,000	1,125	250	0
TURF FIELD RENTAL	(1,400)	2,100	3,260	2,400
TURF FIELD PARTICIPATION FEES	7,935	15,139	14,634	14,992
TURF FIELD CONTRIBUTIONS		25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>43,364</b>	<b>43,144</b>	<b>42,392</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
CONTRACTED SERVICES		5,830	4,600	4,800
PROGRAM SUPPLIES				139
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,830</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>4,939</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>12,310</b>	<b>49,844</b>	<b>88,388</b>	<b>125,841</b>

## Southington Community Turf Field Complex

<b>Turf Fund balance-7/1/16</b>	<b>\$88,388</b>
<b>Total Revenue FY 2017</b>	
Youth Lacrosse League	\$1,520
Youth Football (SVMLF)	\$1,200
Youth Soccer League	\$2,360
Youth Soccer Club	\$1,125
Youth Travel Football	\$1,760
Turf Field Rental	\$2,400
SHS Fall Sports \$1.00 ticket	\$7,027
Band Backers	0
Brick Fundraiser	-
BOE contribution	\$25,000
Rhino maintenance program & supplies	-\$4,939
<b>Total Turf Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$125,841</b>



**Board of Education**

**Administrative Report**

**May 11, 2017**



- 1. Professional Development Re: Substance Abuse**
- 2. Card Access System**
- 3. Switch to Office 365 for Email**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

Informational Only \_\_\_\_\_ Board Meeting Date May 11, 2017

Decision Requested X Agenda Code 8. a.

**AGENDA REPORTING FORM**

**Agenda Topic:** Personnel Report

**Summary of Issue:** This Personnel Report includes appointments, resignations, retirements, and transfers for certified and classified personnel for 2016– 2017.

**Background:** The attached report lists personnel activity from April 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017.

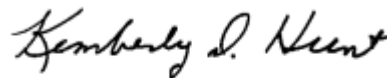
**Alternative Strategies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost (if applicable):** N/A      **Funding Source:** Board of Education

**Beginning Date of Program or Project:** \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**Ending Date of Program or Project:** \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**Recommendation or Comment:** Recommend that the Personnel Report be approved as submitted.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Staff Member Submitting Report



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Superintendent of Schools

**Titles of Attachments:**

1. Personnel Report

Agenda – May 2017

# PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT

FOR: May 2017

## APPOINTMENTS

### Certified

Name	Position	School	FTE If Less Than 1.0	Effective Date	Highest Degree	University / School	Salary
Kunkel, Sonya	Special Education Coordinator	District		July 1, 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> Yr.	Southern CT State University	\$130,605.00
Rossitto, Nicole	Physical Ed/Health Teacher	SHS		August 28, 2017	BA	Central CT State University	\$46,453.00
Colantonio, Michael	Physical Ed/Health Teacher	DES		August 28, 2017	BA	Eastern CT State University	\$46,453.00
Marsh, Kelley	Special Ed Teacher	DES		August 28, 2017	MA	City University of NY at Hunter College	\$51,233.00
Thompson, Andrea	Special Ed Teacher	DES		August 28, 2017	MA	St. Joseph College	\$62,708.00

### Classified

Name	Position	School	Hours Per Week	Effective Date	Salary / Hourly Rate
LaRoche, Lara	Technology Analyst	SPS	37.50	July 1, 2017	\$51,125.00

## RESIGNATIONS

### Certified

Name	Position	School	Effective Date	Years of Service	Retire
Lamontagne, Keith	Elementary Teacher	South End	July 1, 2017	16 years	Yes
Castillo-Blain, Bethany	School Psychologist	JFK	July 1, 2017	8 years	No
Richter, Christopher	Social Studies Teacher	SHS	August 2, 2017	10 years	No

### Classified

Name	Position	School	Effective Date	Years of Service	Retire
Tremaglio, Gina	ELL Tutor	SPS	June 15, 2017	1 Year	No
LaRoche, Lara	Technology Assistant	SPS	June 30, 2017	6 Years	No
Lewis, Sandra	Food Service Secretary/Bookkeeper	SPS	July 1, 2017	36 years	Yes

## TRANSFERS

### Certified

Name	From Position	From School	To Position	To School	Effective Date
Drogosek, Jeffrey	Technology Education Teacher	SHS	Technology Education Teacher	JFK	August 28, 2017
Raponey, Ryan	Physical Ed/Health Teacher	DES	Physical Ed/Health Teacher	SHS	August 28, 2017
Caouette, Erin	English Teacher	JAD	English Teacher	SHS	August 28, 2017

### Classified

Name	From Position	From School	To Position	To School	Effective Date
Santone, Sarah	Sp Ed Paraeducator, 17.00 hrs/wk	JAD	ABA Therapist, 35.00 hrs/wk	JAD	April 3, 2017
Wright, Carol	Sp Ed Paraeducator, 27.50 hrs/wk	Flanders	Sp Ed Paraeducator, 27.50 hrs/wk	Hatton	April 17, 2017

### Change in FTE

Name	From Position	To Position	School	Effective Date
Hatch, Jaime	.40 FTE Earth Science Teacher	1.00 FTE Earth Science Teacher	SHS	August 28, 2017

## UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Position	School	Start Date	End Date	Reason
No unpaid leaves of absence in the month of April					

## COACHING / STIPENDS

### Appointments

Name	To Position	School	Effective Date	Stipend
No coaching appointments in the month of April				

### Resignations

Name	From Position	School	Effective Date
Eisenmann, John	Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball	SHS	April 10, 2017

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**Informational Only** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Meeting Date** May 11, 2017

**Decision Requested** X

**Agenda Code** 10 a

**AGENDA REPORTING FORM**

**Agenda Topic: Out of State:** Field Trip Approval

**Summary of Issue:** The Board of Education must give approval to field trips that are over 200 miles in distance from Southington, trips to foreign countries, or overnight field trips. Presented with this packet is a foreign field trip to Ireland from April 6-14, 2018.

**Background:** N/A

**Alternative Strategies:** N/A

**Cost (if applicable):** N/A                      **Funding Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Date of Program or Project:** N/A

**Ending Date of Program or Project:** N/A

**Recommendation or Comment:** Move that the Board of Education approve the field trip request for the Southington High School students to travel to Ireland as presented by the administration.

Titles of Attachments:

1. Field Trip Application

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Staff Member Submitting Report

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Superintendent of Schools

**SHS Students  
Ireland  
April 6-14, 2018**

**Southington Public Schools**

**Application for Foreign Field Trip**

*Submit to Assistant Superintendent*

Date: 4/17/17

Southington High School	Grades 9-12	April 6, 2018 - April 14, 2018
<b>School</b>	<b>Class/Group</b>	<b>Date of Trip</b>
Destination <u>Ireland</u>		

**Please attach a complete itinerary to this application**

**Reasons for Field Trip** To provide students with opportunity to explore the culture and history of Ireland from a multicultural and interdisciplinary perspective.

**Departure Date/Time** April 6, 2018; times TBD      **Return Date/Time** April 14, 2018; times TBD

**# of Students** 20      **# of Teacher/Chaperones** 3

**Have definite arrangements been made at the field trip destination?**     Yes     No

**Have met with nurse to address student health needs.**

*Nurse's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

**Have NOT met with the nurse. Will meet with the nurse to address student health needs when the student roster is complete. This meeting will take place approximately one-month prior to the scheduled trip.**

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**COST AND FINANCING**

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
<b>TOTAL Anticipated Cost of Trip</b>	<b>\$56,100.00</b>	Includes: flights, hotel, tour director and tour bus in Ireland, breakfast and dinner, entry to all points of interest (\$2,805 p/p).
Board of Education Contribution	\$0	
Other	\$3,000.00	Third party "Cancel Anytime for Full Refund" Insurance from AIG (\$150 p/p)
Fundraising Activity	(\$ )	Students will fundraise, which will reduce the cost per student
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$59,100.00</b>	
<b>Student Contribution</b>		
Transportation	\$ 1,800.00	20 Students @ \$90.00 travel to NYC
Entrance Fees, Room & Board	\$59,100.00	20 Students @ \$2,955.00 (all-inclusive and insurance)
<b>TOTAL Cost of Trip to Each Student</b>	<b>\$3,045.00</b>	Estimated cost based on approximate number of students

**SIGNATURES**

<b>Teacher</b>	<u>Karen Cavanaugh (signature on original)</u>	<b>Date</b>	<u>4/20/17</u>
<b>Dept. Head</b>	<u>Gail Lessard (signature on original)</u>	<b>Date</b>	<u>4/20/17</u>
<b>Principal</b>	<u>Brian Stranieri (signature on original)</u>	<b>Date</b>	_____
<b>Comments</b>	_____		

**Assistant Superintendent** *Steve Madansky*      **Date** 5/1/17      **Approved**       **Not Approved**

**Board of Education Approval\*\*\***    YES     NO       **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*Approval of all school-sponsored foreign field trips will be conditional and may be revoked if a change in circumstances, whether man-made or natural, would warrant cancellation of the trip in the interest of the safety of the students and staff of the Southington Public Schools. The Board of Education will not be responsible for any financial obligations incurred as a result of the planning of the school sponsored foreign field trips or for any monies that are non-refundable or are otherwise lost due to the subsequent cancellation of the school-sponsored foreign field trips. The district will make every effort to secure financial assistance for those students whose families have demonstrated financial hardship and are unable to afford the cost of the program.*

*The Board of Education will not be responsible for any student who participates in a travel study program that the Board of Education has not specifically approved.*



***Educational Tours***

# **GLOBAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

*The Emerald Isle*

**Prepared for: Karen Cavanaugh  
Southington High School  
4/18/2017**

## Program Outline

As the **World Leader in International Education**, we've partnered with educators around the world for over 50 years to help students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future through experiential learning. We provide a range of travel programs—Educational Tours, Language Immersion Tours, Service Learning Tours, Global Student Leaders Summits and Custom-Designed Tours—that provide in-depth exploration, authentic connections and hands-on experience. Every EF global program is designed to:

- Explore international destinations to gain awareness of global perspectives and connections
  - Promote international understanding, respect for different cultures, language learning and global citizenship
  - Align with school curricula to bring subjects, people, places and events to life
  - Provide global settings to sharpen key 21<sup>st</sup> century skills—critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and global competence
  - Develop interpersonal and leadership skills necessary to navigate new experiences with confidence and adaptability
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### ***What we'll cover in this document***

We've created this document specifically for you, your school and your students. It outlines the details of your proposed tour and the life-changing experiential learning opportunities that await your students.

## Program Outline (continued)

### *Our commitment to education...*

We believe the best way to help students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future is through experiential learning.

#### **Accreditation**

EF is accredited, just like your school, and recognized by the following regional, national and international organizations: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CES); Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC); Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI) North Central Association (NCA-CASI); National Council for Private Schools Accreditation (NCPSA); and Accreditation International (AI).

#### **A standard of excellence**

Our educational travel programs bring to life the knowledge and skills that are called for in many education initiatives, including:

- Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills (P21)
- International Baccalaureate – PYP, MYP, Diploma, IBCC
- Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- Global Competence Criteria—defined by the Asia Society and Council of Chief State School Officers
- Global Connection Standards in the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
- Culture and Connections Standards in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning
- Standards of Professional Learning—defined by Learning Forward

#### **weShare, A More Engaging Learning Experience**

You know students learn on a deeper level when what you're teaching connects to their own lives. That's why every tour comes with weShare, a personalized learning experience powered by your students' curiosity. Using EF's guided learning model, students use their strengths to investigate an issue or topic that inspires them. They reflect on what they've learned through a post-tour project that gives even more meaning to travel—and can earn them academic credit.

#### **Earning credit**

Students can earn credit by traveling on an EF tour and completing required coursework. We offer choices, so you can find the credit option that best fits you and your students' needs.

- Students in grades 7-12 can earn elective credit for completing assignments before, during and after their EF tour, setting themselves apart from other college applicants.
- Students can earn college credit through our partnerships with accredited universities.

Accredited by:



## Program Outline (continued)

### *Our commitment to safety...*

Our demonstrated commitment to safety and risk management is proven with our preventative procedures and extensive measures taken to ensure each traveler's safety.

### **Worldwide presence**

As the largest international student travel organization, we have 500 schools and offices in more than 50 countries worldwide. With 43,000 EF staff and teachers around the globe, we're accessible wherever and whenever you need us.

### **General Liability Policy**

- All EF Group Leaders and schools are automatically insured under our \$50 million General Liability Policy, regardless of whether or not the tour is considered a school event.
- This policy safeguards Group Leaders and schools in case of claims from on-tour incidents, such as personal injury and provides a legal defense and covers all associated legal fees.
- EF's Commercial General Liability Insurance is provided by nationally recognized insurance companies with A.M. Best Ratings of A-.
- All customer payments are protected by a \$1 million customer protection plan.
- EF's General Liability Policy allows for schools and districts to receive a certificate of insurance that names you or your school as a certificate holder. To receive a certificate of insurance that details coverage, talk to your Tour Consultant.

### **Global Travel Protection Plan**

Designed specifically with EF travelers in mind, all travelers have the option to purchase the Global Travel Protection Plan. This plan helps travelers protect their investment from common claims, including: flight delay, loss of job by a parent, death or illness of a family member, and medical coverage on tour in case of sickness or an emergency. While this plan is not required, many Group Leaders choose to make this comprehensive and affordable protection plan mandatory for their travelers.

### **EF's Peace of Mind Program**

At EF, we understand that plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. EF's exclusive Peace of Mind Program ensures:

- Teachers can work with EF Educational Tours to change their tour's travel dates, modify their tour plans, find an all-new tour or cancel their tour up until 45 days prior to departure. If unforeseen circumstances cause you to cancel within this time period, all travelers will receive a transferable travel voucher.
- With 44 days or less left until departure, teachers may still choose any of the above options if a formal Travel Warning is issued by the US Department of State for any country on your itinerary.

### **Highly respected in the industry by:**



## Program Outline (continued)

### *We'll handle the details...*

As your educational travel partner, we work with teachers, students and parents to ensure a seamless experience—before, during and after tour. In other words, we're with you every step of the way.

#### **BEFORE TOUR**

##### **Support Team and resources**

Dedicated Tour Consultants guide teachers through the planning process, while Local Representatives from your area work face-to-face to provide support. We give teachers their own personal tour website with helpful tools to share tour information, manage deadlines and more. In addition to online resources, we also provide an array of printed materials for teacher, students and parents.

##### **International Training Tours**

Ensuring teachers are fully prepared to lead an EF tour is our commitment to your school community. Through our blended learning model, all first-time EF Group Leaders receive complimentary international training. Conducted by EF personnel and experienced EF Group Leaders, the program includes online, classroom and experiential learning components. In the event a Group Leader cannot attend one of these complimentary tours, we offer live webinars to prepare them and answer questions before they travel.

##### **Traveler account management**

Our knowledgeable and friendly Customer Service Representatives help travelers and their parents with all billing transactions, protection plans and tour activity questions. We also offer flexible and convenient payment options that allow parents to choose when—and how—they want to pay.

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#### **WHILE ON TOUR**

##### **Everything is included**

This all-inclusive global experience makes it easy for teachers and students to explore the world. From flights and hotels to most meals and experiential activities, we take care of every detail so travelers can focus on the experience.

##### **Guided travel**

A personal bilingual Tour Director stays with your group 24/7. They handle every on-tour detail to ensure a smooth travel experience while also providing unique local insight. Expert local guides, meanwhile, share their knowledge of history, art, architecture and more during guided tours.

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#### **AFTER TOUR**

##### **Program development**

We'll work with you to build a travel program at your school so even more students have the opportunity to experience the world.

# Program Outline (continued)

## A day-by-day look at the tour...

This is the itinerary page that students and parents will see in their tour itinerary guide. It's just one of the many resources they'll receive in preparation for your tour.

### What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Ireland

#### Day 2: Dublin

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Dublin, Ireland's capital city scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire (pronounced "dun leery") and Howth Head's rocky peaks. Literary history greets you at every turn, from Trinity College, where playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied, to the Long Room of the Old Library, where you'll see the Book of Kells. Irish monks created this calligraphic manuscript over 1,000 years ago. Admire St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland, and when you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, be sure to ask your guide about the colorful doors.
- Take a walking tour of Dublin

#### Day 3: Dublin

- Take an expertly guided tour of Dublin: Georgian squares; O'Connell Street; St. Stephen's Green
- See the Book of Kells at Trinity College
- Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Time to see more of Dublin or
- Song and Dance in Ireland

#### Day 4: Dublin | Galway

- Travel to Galway
- Take a tour of Galway: River Corrib; Bowling Green
- Take an excursion to Connemara, Maam Cross and Spiddal

#### Day 5: Galway | Killarney

- Take a tour of the Burren, an otherworldly expanse of rock and wildflowers that's known for the Ailwee Cave and the Neolithic Poul nabrone portal tomb. Fissured limestone pavement stretches before you like a massive jigsaw puzzle, with stubborn alpine shoots rising up between the cracks. No trip to Ireland is complete without a stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. You'll view these staggering rock walls, which dominate five miles of the coast of Clare and tower up to 700 feet above the Atlantic. On a clear day, you can make out the Aran Islands, located 30 miles out on the glassy surface of Galway Bay.
- Visit the Cliffs of Moher Interpretive Center
- Visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park
- Travel to Killarney

#### Day 6: Killarney

- Take an excursion to the Ring of Kerry and encounter Ireland's famed mystical beauty. This stunning, 112-mile coastal route wraps around the Iveragh Peninsula. Here you can experience everything from the Old Monastery to unspoiled beaches to Killarney National Park. On your visit, make your way along lush rolling hills and take in magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean and the placid Lakes of Killarney. You'll also pass by the misty peaks of Macgillycuddy's Reeks. This range reaches its zenith at Carrauntoohil, Ireland's tallest mountain. In Glenbeigh, visit the Bog Village. Wander through a re-creation of an Irish village from the early 1800s as costumed guides demonstrate the way of life that prevailed in 19th-century rural Ireland.
- Visit the Bog Museum
- See a sheepdog demonstration (seasonal)

#### Day 7: Killarney | Cork

- Visit Blarney Castle
- Travel to Cork
- Take a tour of Cork
- Visit the Queenstown Experience

#### Day 8: Kilkenny | Dublin

- Travel to Kilkenny and Kildare
- Visit National Horse Farm in Kildare
- Return to Dublin

#### Day 9: Depart for home

### • 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 9: Derry

- Travel to Derry
- Take a tour of Derry
- Visit St. Columb's Cathedral
- Visit the Tower Museum

#### Day 10: Belfast | Dublin

- Take an excursion to Giant's Causeway
- Travel to Belfast
- Take a tour of Belfast
- Return to Dublin

#### Day 11: Depart for home

*I am going to Ireland this summer with EF! :D*

- JACKIE, TRAVELER



Via Facebook

*The trip was magnificent. Never seen a more beautiful landscape in my life.*

- MAURO, STUDENT



Tour review

### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Outline (continued)

### *What your hotels will look like...*

A good night's sleep is important, so you can count on safe, clean and comfortable hotels with private bathrooms. Every hotel we work with is required to meet our high standards for quality, safety and cleanliness. Three to four students of the same gender will share a room, which will have a combination of twin and shared double beds. Please be aware that hotels may have different amenities than you find in American hotels.

#### **HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF HOTELS YOU'LL STAY AT ON TOUR:**



#### **Aspect Hotel Park West**

Park West Business Campus, Nangor Road, Dublin 12  
Ireland

[www.aspecthotelparkwest.com](http://www.aspecthotelparkwest.com)

Aspect Hotel Dublin Park West is located within the award-winning Park West Business Campus, close to the city and all the major road networks. Access to and from the hotel is easy and convenient; it is situated just four miles West of Dublin City Centre. Guests can visit the many popular attractions including Dublin Castle and The Guinness Brewery.



#### **Tara Towers Hotel**

Merrion Road, Dublin 4  
Ireland

[www.taratowers.com/en](http://www.taratowers.com/en)

Tara Towers Hotel has 111 bedrooms, many boasting views of Dublin Bay or of the Dublin Mountains, and is just 20 minutes from the city. The hotel boasts a friendly and helpful staff, excellent value, delicious food from their restaurant and bar, free newspapers and Wi-Fi, as well as 24-hour reception.

## Program Outline (continued)

### *What your meals will look like...*

These are examples of the types of meals you and your students will be served on tour.

## SAMPLE MENUS: EUROPE

Discovering new foods can be one of the best parts of traveling. The sample menus below are just a few examples of the types of traditional, local favorites you will have the opportunity to try on tour. Every meal will include table water (or bottled water if deemed necessary by locals) and you can usually buy other beverages if you wish. All meals are served as a group—not à la carte—and a vegetarian option will be available if requested in advance. Please notify EF of any other dietary restrictions or food allergies you may have. Enjoy!



### **AUSTRIA**

Soup  
Wiener schnitzel  
Chocolate cake

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Soup  
Goulash  
Ice cream

### **FRANCE**

**Menu 1**  
Cheese quiche  
Turkey with rice, sauce,  
mushroom and beans  
Apple tart

**Menu 2**  
Salad  
Flammekueche  
Chocolate mousse

**Menu 3**  
Couscous with  
vegetables and meat  
Fruit salad

### **GERMANY**

**Menu 1**  
Pretzel with  
cream cheese  
Turkey with  
spaetzle dumplings  
Fruit

**Menu 2**  
Vegetable soup  
Bratwurst with kraut  
and mashed potatoes  
Ice cream

### **GREECE**

**Menu 1**  
Spinach pie  
Moussaka  
Rice pudding

**Menu 2**  
Greek salad  
Chicken with oven-  
baked pasta  
Walnut pie

### **ITALY**

**Menu 1**  
Tomato bruschetta  
Cannellini beans with  
garlic and sage  
Lasagna  
Gelato

**Menu 2**  
Spaghetti with pesto  
Pork loin with spinach  
and potatoes  
Fruit salad

### **IRELAND**

**Menu 1**  
Soup  
Chicken with mashed  
potatoes and gravy  
Fruit salad

### **SPAIN**

Spanish Tortilla  
Pork loin with potatoes  
and mushrooms  
Ice cream

### **SWITZERLAND**

Soup  
Alpine Maccaroni  
Chocolate mousse

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

**Menu 1**  
Fish and chips  
Ice cream

**Menu 2**  
Chicken and hummus  
Flan

**Menu 3**  
Naan bread  
Chicken curry

In addition to the support you receive before and after tour, along with the logistical support you receive on tour, your guaranteed lowest price covers all of the details.

# Program Outline (continued)

## TOUR PRICE QUOTE

### The Emerald Isle

PREPARED FOR  
Karen Cavanaugh

PREPARED ON  
April 18, 2017

TOUR PAGE  
[www.eftours.com/EMI](http://www.eftours.com/EMI)

### GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICE

Price valid for travelers enrolled April 18, 2017 - April 30, 2017\*

#### Student

\$2,805 or \$247 / 11 mos

#### Adult

\$3,255 or \$288 / 11 mos

#### PRICE BREAKDOWN

Program Price	\$2,735
Weekend Supplement	\$70

Protect your travelers with the Global Travel Protection Plan for \$155. Ask your Tour Consultant for details.

\*Adult supplement required for travelers age 20 and older at the time of travel. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at [eftours.com/baggage](http://eftours.com/baggage). All prices subject to verification by an EF Tour Consultant. Program price validity excludes special discounts. To view EF's Booking Conditions, visit [eftours.com/bc](http://eftours.com/bc).

### Your travel details

TOTAL LENGTH  
9 days

DEPARTING FROM  
New York, NY area (incl. Newark, NJ)

REQUESTED TRAVEL DATES  
Friday, April 6, 2018 - Saturday, April 14, 2018

#### YOUR DEPARTURE DATE RANGE

EARLIEST  
Wed. Apr. 4

REQUESTED  
Fri. Apr. 6

LATEST  
Sun. Apr. 8



### Your experience includes

#### AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TOUR

Round trip airfare, hotels with private baths, regional-style meals, on-tour transportation and sightseeing activities are covered. Discover all of your itinerary details at [www.eftours.com/EMI](http://www.eftours.com/EMI).

#### FULL-TIME TOUR DIRECTOR

Your culturally connected Tour Director is with your group 24/7, providing deep local insight while handling all on-tour logistics.

#### EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES

Your expert local guides are natural historians, adding cultural insight and global perspective on your sightseeing tours.

#### WESHARE—ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Our digital learning space engages students before, during and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.

#### CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Your dedicated EF team helps you every step of the way—from recruiting and enrolling travelers to planning and managing your tour.

#### WORLDWIDE PRESENCE

EF has over 500 schools and offices in more than 50 countries worldwide so wherever you go, we're there too.

#### 24-HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Travelers and their families can count on EF's dedicated emergency service team.

#### PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM

Feel secure knowing your group can change their destination or travel dates due to unforeseen circumstances. Learn more about your flexible options at [eftours.com/peaceofmind](http://eftours.com/peaceofmind).

## Program Outline (continued)

### *Important final details...*

#### **The EF Price Guarantee**

We're dedicated to making travel accessible to as many students as possible. Our unmatched global presence and longstanding relationship with airlines and hotels ensure you will always give your students the best experience at the lowest price, guaranteed.

What it means for you:

- The guaranteed lowest price—if you find a similar tour for less, we'll beat it.
- One simple price—no enrollment or departure fees.
- Once a student enrolls, their price will never change.

#### **International Training Tours**

Through our blended learning model, all first-time EF Group Leaders experience a tour by traveling to Paris, Rome, Madrid, Berlin or Beijing, enhanced with online and classroom components. In the event a Group Leader cannot attend one of these complimentary tours, we offer live webinars to prepare them and answer questions before they travel.

I hope you've found this document useful. As your EF Representative, I'm here to answer any questions that you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

**Sincerely,**

Shaylyn Livingston

Global Education Consultant 860-266-2755

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## Curricular Connection to Ireland Trip

Student travel expands worldviews through firsthand experiences. It allows students to learn beyond the classroom, which pushes them to get out of their comfort zone and to gain a new perspective on another culture, language, and environment. It teaches students to appreciate difference and diversity. This trip will provide students with a better understanding and appreciation for the Irish people and their history. Global travel also enhances a student's college application.

### Connections to disciplines

#### **Math:**

- Students will convert U.S. currency to Euro (1 Euro equals -1.06 US Dollar)
- Students will budget money for souvenirs
- Convert temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius

#### **Family and Consumer Science:**

Course: Cultures and Cuisines-

- This course will look at various cultural groups through their food and food traditions for a better understanding and appreciation of our world.

#### **Science:**

Course: Earth Science – Geology Unit

Site: The Cliffs of Moher:

- Cliffs of Moher's sandstone, siltstone and mudstone reflects the changes in sea level.

Site: The Burren:

- The Burren is composed of limestone pavements with criss-crossing cracks known as "grikes" leaving isolated rocks called "clints"

#### **Social Studies:**

Course: World History, United States History, Civics

- Students will be exposed to political and legal aspects through travel and transactions within the country
- Students will be touring Ireland, viewing historical sites such as museums, religious cathedrals, ancient cities and authentic castles.

Site: Cobh Heritage Centre:

- Students will learn about Irish Emigration story, Titanic last port of call.
- Lusitania a British luxury liner sunk by a German submarine in the North Atlantic in 1915; one of the events leading to the U.S. entry into World War I. Both survivors and victims were brought to Cobh (Called Queenstown in 1915).
- Annie Moore Departing Ireland Statue  
She was the first passenger processed through Ellis Island.  
(Annie Moore Arriving in the U.S. Statue is on Ellis Island).

# IRELAND TOUR ITINERARY- APRIL 2018

## 9 days

- Day 1:** Fly overnight to Ireland
- Day 2:** Dublin  
Take a walking tour of Dublin
- Day 3:** Dublin  
Take a guided tour of Dublin: Georgian squares, O'Connell Street, St. Stephen's Green, Phoenix Park, *Book of Kells* at Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Day 4:** Dublin • Galway  
Take a walking tour of Galway  
Take a tour of Connemara, Maam Cross, and Spiddal
- Day 5:** Galway • Killarney  
The Burren, Cliffs of Moher and Bunratty Castle and Folk Park
- Day 6:** Killarney  
The Ring of Kerry, Kerry Bog Village Museum, sheepdog demonstration
- Day 7:** Killarney • Blarney • Cork  
Blarney Castle, walking tour of Cork  
Queenstown Story exhibition at the Cobh Heritage Centre
- Day 8:** Cork • Kilkenny • Kildare • Dublin  
National Stud Farm in Kildare
- Day 9:** Depart for home