

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:00 PM  
Central Services**

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Administrative Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Announcements**

**Rationale:** Mr. Addley will provide district updates.

**B. Student Representative Reports**

**Rationale:** Ms. Jennifer Lengvasky and Mr. Sean Goodridge will report on activities taking place at the high school.

**C. Business Manager's Report**

**Rationale:** Mr. Harry Traver, Business Manager, will present the February statement of accounts.

**D. Teaching and Learning**

**Attachments:**

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**Rationale:** Dr. Anna Forlenza-Bailey, Principal at Wells Road Intermediate School, will present "The Principal as an Instructional Leader".

**III. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes**

**Attachments:**

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**Rationale:** The Board will approve/amend the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Board of Education meeting and the March 14, 2012 Budget Workshop.

**B. High School Trips 2012-2013**

**Attachments:**

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**Rationale:** The Board will discuss the approval of a trip to Costa Rica and a trip to Washington DC for the Inauguration in the 2012-2013 school year.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. FY13 Administrative Budget**

**Rationale:** The Board will continue to discuss the FY13 Administrative Budget.

**V. New Business**

**A. Leave-of-Absence Requests**

**Rationale:** The Board will discuss two leave-of-absence requests for Julie Bragg and Matt Pinckney.

**VI. Miscellaneous**

**A. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication**

**Attachments:**

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**2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities**

**B. Other Board-Related Reports**

**1. CPPAC**

**2. CREC/CABE**

**3. Granby Education Foundation**

**4. District Efficiency Initiatives**

**C. Calendar of Events**

**Attachments:**

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**D. Board Member Announcements**

**Attachments:**

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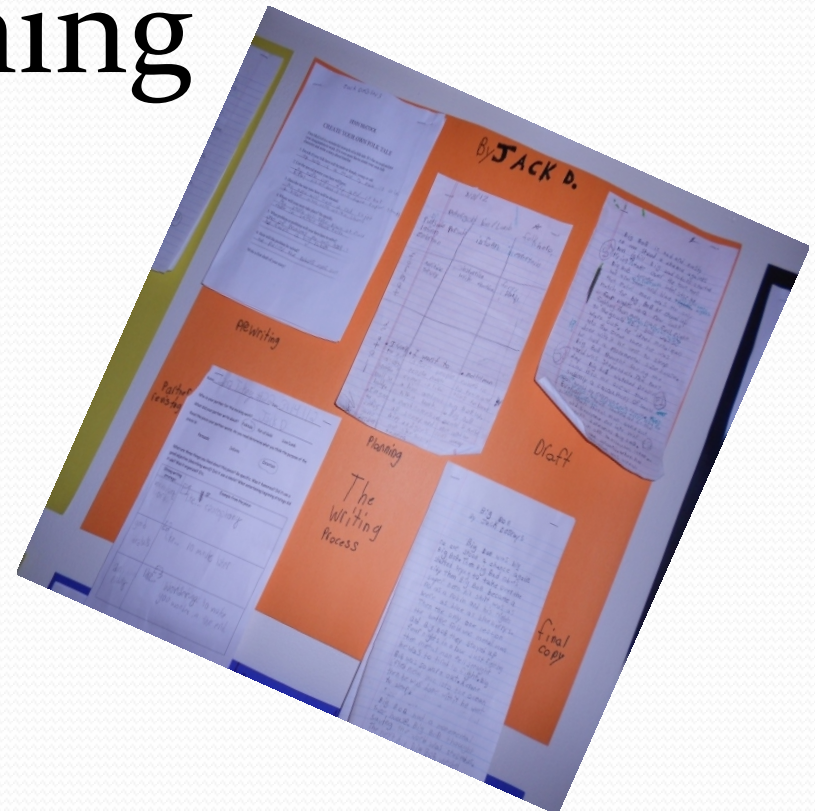
**VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting**

# **Principals as Instructional Leaders**

**Granby Public Schools  
March 2012**

# Instructional Leadership

Promotes growth in student learning



# Instructional Leadership

Shifts the question from

“What are the teachers teaching?”

to

*“Are the students learning?”*

# Instructional Leadership

Views students, teachers and principal as members of a professional and collaborative learning community



# Instructional Leadership

Every day in classrooms ...



# Learning from each other..

... and in PLC meetings, team meetings, intervention meetings, and staff meetings



# How do we build our capacity?

- Administrative Walkthroughs,
  - Elementary Administrative Council,
  - Principal Seminar, and
    - Administrative Council meetings.



# Equity

It is the right of every student to  
achieve at high levels.

# In Summary....

- Instructional Leadership is not static
- Learning for all is an ongoing commitment guided by the question – Are the students learning?



# Questions

**Budget Workshop – Approved Minutes**  
**March 14, 201, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Central Services**

**Attendance Taken at 6:57 p.m.:**

Present Board Members:

Jenny Emery  
Cal Heminway  
Benjamin Perron  
Rosemarie Weber  
Matthew Wutka

Absent Board Members:

Lynn Guelzow  
Edward Ohannessian  
Sean Goodridge (Student Representative)  
Jennifer Lengvarsky (Student Representative)

**I. FY13 Budget Workshop**

Mr. Addley used a PowerPoint presentation to share and answer questions he had received, to date, on the budget. During the presentation there was clarifying discussion on a number of issues. Regarding wireless technology, it was clarified that there were two separate issues: 1) infrastructure and 2) bring your own device (BYOD). The first step is approving the infrastructure which is in this year's budget. BYOD will be discussed at a later date and will come to the Board after being reviewed by the Curriculum Subcommittee. With regard to the 5th grade class size, it was asked whether another teacher should be added. Mr. Addley stated that he feels we can manage this class size and that the class size lies within the BOE guidelines. With regard to some of the unfunded small capital items (i.e., generators, transfer switches and resurfacing the Kearns parking lot) there was discussion as to whether some should be funded now. Mr. Addley confirmed that the budget, as presented, reflected his recommended priorities.

To open-up discussion, a motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Ben Perron to adopt the FY13 Administrative Budget at 8:30 p.m. .

There was considerable discussion regarding the use of the Q&D funds to institute full-day kindergarten, and whether there is a risk in funding this core service with grant-based funds. . One Board member stated he has not seen any hard evidence that shows full-day kindergarten improves test scores, while others felt the commitment to embrace this change had already been made, subject to funding. The 1% taxpayer increase was compared with the 3.5% actual increase in spending, after accounting for non-operating revenues, and the question debated as to the appropriateness of this level of expenditure in the current economic environment. The fact was reiterated that Granby's per pupil expenditure remains low, while its performance based on test score is high Mr. Addley stated that his administration is 100% supportive of full-day kindergarten, and the budget as presented, and that not supporting this now created its own set of risks Betsy Wilken and Kate Dumas, kindergarten teachers at Kearns Primary School, spoke in support of the full-day kindergarten program and stated the difficulty they have currently meeting the academic expectations in the half-day program and also the positive impact of being able to spend more time with students in a full-day program which will help to increase their social and academic skills. Jenny

Emery said that while she fully supported the budget, she also supported tabling it now in hopes that the full board would be present to support the budget next week. The sense of the Board was to table the discussion until next week's Board meeting. A Motion was made by Ben Perron and seconded by Matt Wutka to table the discussion. This Motion passed unanimously at 9:05 p.m. The Board Chairman stated that at next week's meeting the FY13 budget will be discussed first on the agenda, and he hoped it would be moved and approved without significant further debate. A Motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Matt Wutka to adjourn the meeting. This Motion passed unanimously at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Powell  
Board Recorder

Jenny Emery  
Board Secretary

**Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Amended Minutes  
March 7, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Services**

**Attendance Taken at 6:58 p.m.:**

Present Board Members:

Jenny Emery  
Lynn Guelzow  
Cal Heminway  
Edward Ohannessian  
Rosemarie Weber  
Sean Goodridge (Student Representative)  
Jennifer Lengvarsky (Student Representative)

Absent Board Members:

Ben Perron  
Matthew Wutka

Mr. Heminway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Public Comment**

Public comment related to the budget being deferred until after the Superintendent's budget presentation. There were no other public comments.

**II. Administrative Reports**

**II.A. Superintendent's Announcements**

- March is Board Appreciation Month.
- CAPT & CMTs began this week.
- Kearns held Dr. Seuss Day last Friday in recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Members of the community, the board and the administration read to classrooms.
- Congratulations to Kelly Lane and the High School for being among the top-performing schools in the Governor's 2011 Summer Reading Challenge. These schools will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Hartford.
- There will be an early release for all schools on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for professional development.
- A Day on the Hill, a legislative network program sponsored by CAFE, will be held next Wednesday. Five high school students will be joining us (Jen and Sean among the five).
- With regard to the Silver Street Bridge closure and school bus times, an e-mail will be sent out to parents tomorrow as well as an automated message to only those students affected. Bus route information will also be posted on the website.
- Upcoming budget meetings as follows: Budget workshop next Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>; Board of Finance Budget Hearing, Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>; Town of Granby Budget Hearing, Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; and Town Vote on Monday, April. 23<sup>rd</sup>. All of these dates are posted on our website.
- The Gran-Bee will be held on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the HS Auditorium.
- At this time the April vacation remains intact and that the last day of school still remains at June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **II.B. Student Representative Reports**

- CAPT Week this week. Sophomores are taking CAPT; freshmen are taking simulations; Juniors attended the Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Junior Planning Assemblies on Monday and on Tuesday they took the mock SATs.
- National Honor Society raised \$965 at their pasta dinner which benefits the senior class and South Church.
- National Honor Society is now selling t-shirts designed by AP art students to benefit Education in America. They are also selling Yankee Candles and the proceeds will go to the RuthAnn Lobo and Rebecca Lobo Foundation.
- The Drama Club will perform “No No Nanette” next weekend. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday night as well as a matinee on Saturday.
- In March, French and Spanish Honor Society students will be giving 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders an introduction to French and Spanish.
- The boys’ basketball team won the first round of the CIAC tournament. Their next game is March 8<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame High School.
- The ice hockey team won against Fairfield in the first round of the Division 2 playoffs and will play again on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Trinity College.

## **II.C. Schools in the Spotlight**

Ms. Jeannie Bryanton, Art Teacher at the Middle School, spoke about the National Junior Art Society endorsed by the National Art Education Association. There are currently 41 members. Students Hanna Crose, Bridget Snyder, Georgia Snyder, Rose Nguyen, Megan Sawtell, and Elizabeth Fetzner presented their projects where they took a master work of art (i.e. Andy Warhol, Leonardo DaVinci) and changed an element to create a new piece of art.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **III.A. Minutes**

A Motion was made by Ed Ohannessian and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adopt the consent agenda. This Motion passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

## **IV. Old Business**

There was no Old Business to report.

## **V. New Business**

### **V.A. FY13 Administrative Budget Presentation**

Mr. Addley presented the administrative budget for FY13. Mr. Addley stated that the budget is presented with the lens that we spend less per student than most other towns in Connecticut (ranked 142 out of 166 towns) and we achieve great results. Operating budget increases over the last 3 years have been just under 1% on average. In FY13, personnel will be reduced by 2.9FTE vs. FY12. There has been an 18% savings in electricity and a 20% savings in oil consumption. There is a 3.0% net cost increase to BOE for health benefits. Enrollment is projected to decline by 11% over the next 5 years. Approximately \$500,000 in efficiencies has been realized since FY08 in the operating budget. With regard to integrated pre-school, this is cost neutral. For full-day kindergarten we will need to staff 3.5 teachers/3.5 TAs and the cost of the program will be \$397K. Revenue from the Q&D (Choice) budget, used to support magnet school tuition, summer school, and enrichment programs, is also proposed to

be used in the FY13 budget for full-day kindergarten and the Mandarin Chinese III teaching position. Mr. Addley stated that there is a window of opportunity to advance some district strategic initiatives within this 1% increase in the taxpayer-funded operating budget, which is also within Board of Finance guidelines.

There were some questions/comments about the budget as follows:

Valorie Hollister - West Granby. Ms. Hollister stated that approximately 6% of the population is currently being served for the after-school Spanish program. She stated that she supports the budget and that students need to be fluent in a foreign language as it improves their ability to perform academically.

Robert Bryant – North Granby. Mr. Bryant inquired when the athletic field project would start and finish and what the plan was for working around the construction. Mr. Addley stated that there was a tentative plan in place to move the sports around and that the project will begin in the fall of 2012, at the conclusion of the fall sports schedule.

Lisa DiCiancia – Teacher at Kearns. Ms. DiCianci inquired about the new consulting teacher and what building he/she will reside. Mr. Addley stated that the new position will likely fall into a retiree's position and that there will be one consulting teacher in each building.

Celia Camileri – North Granby. Ms. Camileri inquired about the facility at Kearns for full-day kindergarten with regard to bathrooms in the classrooms. Mr. Addley stated that there is no major construction needed. . Very minor construction will be done over the summer for the integrated pre-school program.

Trish Percival – West Granby. Ms. Percival stated that she was in favor of introducing foreign language at a younger grade, that studies demonstrate that this learning supports and accelerates all forms of cognitive development, and that it is more important now than ever before.

Scott Hughes – West Granby. Mr. Hughes inquired if the Board knew how many past students are taxpayers in the town. The Board and administration did not know the answer to this question.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

### **VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports**

#### **VI.A.1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication**

Not reported.

#### **VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities**

Not reported.

### **VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports**

#### **VI.B.1. CPPAC**

Not reported.

#### **VI.B.2. CREC/CABE**

Not reported.

**VI.B.3. Granby Education Foundation**

Not reported.

**VI.B.4. District Efficiency Initiatives**

Not reported.

**VI.C. Calendar of Events**

Not reported.

**VI.D. Board Member Announcements**

Not reported.

**VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting**

A Motion was made by Jenny Emery and Lynn Guelzow to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into a non-meeting to discuss a personnel issue. This Motion passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

The non-meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Powell  
Board Recorder

Jenny Emery  
Board Secretary

**Granby Memorial High School  
World Language Department  
Costa Rica "Pura Vida" (8 days)  
April 11, 2013 - April 18, 2013**

Program Free/Tuition	\$ 2,359
Registration	115 (waved for repeat customers)
Departure fee	499
Weekend Supplement	0
Canopy Zip Line Tour	49
Early Enrollment Credit	-300
Total	\$ 2,722

\*Additional costs: lunch, gratuity and transportation to the airport (leaving out of Bradley)

# Pura Vida

Tuition and Early Enrollment Incentives: [www.EducationalTravel.com/PUV](http://www.EducationalTravel.com/PUV)

**Day 1: Fly to Costa Rica**  
Arrive in San José

**Day 2: Poas Volcano-Hot Springs**  
Journey to Poas Volcano  
\*LEAP! Ox Cart Crafts  
Continue to Arenal  
Visit volcanic hot springs

**Day 3: Monteverde**  
Continue to the Monteverde Reserve  
Evening guided nature walk

**Day 4: Monteverde Cloud Forest**  
Morning guided walking tour of Cloud Forest  
Add: Canopy Zip-Line Tour

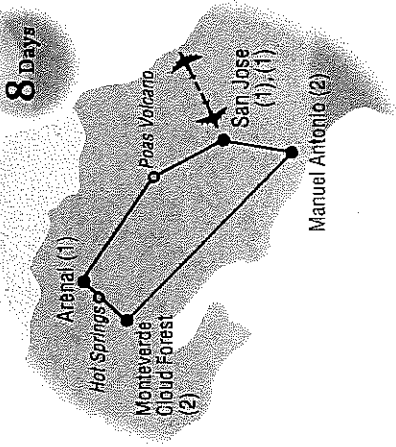
**Day 5: Manuel Antonio**  
\*LEAP! Costa Rican School Visit  
Continue to Manuel Antonio

**Day 6: Manuel Antonio**  
Visit Manuel Antonio National Park:  
• See Costa Rican wildlife  
• Explore cays and inlets

**Day 7: Folklore Dinner**  
\*LEAP! Cocina Tica  
Return to San José  
\*LEAP! Dance the El Torito

**Day 8: Return home to the United States or extend your trip.**

● Overnight - # of Nights in ()  
○ Visit



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- » **Dance the El Torito:** Discover the rhythms of traditional Costa Rican dance.
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- » **Cocina Tica:** Cook Costa Rican style!



*Painting Ox Cart wheels was Neil's favorite part of the trip*

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### IF YOU DEPART ON JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### DAY 1 ★ JANUARY 19 ★ WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Welcome to Washington, D.C.** • Travel by airplane or motorcoach to Washington, D.C., to be part of the 2013 Presidential Inauguration! Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, you are greeted by your Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

**The Smithsonian museums** • Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846. The Smithsonian Institution houses more than 136.5 million objects and comprises 17 museums and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., two museums in New York City and nine research centers around the world. Today you can explore the National Air and Space Museum, home to milestones in flight, such as the 1903 Wright Flyer and the Apollo 11 command module, Columbia, which orbited the moon while Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin first walked on the surface in 1969. A stroll through the National Museum of Natural History will reveal objects as varied as the 45.52-carat Hope Diamond and dinosaur skeletons. To satisfy your artistic side, duck into the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and discover masterpieces by Andy Warhol, Willem de Kooning and Pablo Picasso. (Please note: The museum(s) you visit may vary.)

**Dinner** • Enjoy your evening meal, provided by Smithsonian Student Travel.

**Washington, D.C., by night** • Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights during your evening scenic tour downtown.

**Lincoln Memorial** • This memorial to the Great Emancipator stands as a symbol of freedom and inspiration. The 170-ton colossal sculpture of Abraham Lincoln looks over the steps where Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his unforgettable "I Have a Dream" speech.

**WWII Memorial** • A blend of modern and classical architecture creates the space to honor the soldiers who fought and civilians who sacrificed during World War II. The Freedom Wall covered in 4,048 gold stars pays tribute to the Americans who lost their lives for freedom throughout the world.

**Korean War Memorial** • Pay tribute as you observe the nineteen stainless steel sculptures and the granite wall, etched with images of men and women who served in the Korean War.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** • From *The Three Soldiers* statue to the Memorial Wall and the Vietnam Women's Memorial, visitors are moved by this tribute to those who served in Vietnam as they see and touch the names of those who lost their lives or are missing in action.

#### DAY 2 ★ JANUARY 20 ★ WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Arlington National Cemetery** • Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. At JFK's gravesite, you'll see the eternal flame that was originally lit by Jacqueline Kennedy at her husband's funeral. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

**United States Marine Corps War Memorial** • The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

**Guided sightseeing of Washington, D.C.** • Your licensed tour director introduces you to the sites that honor American founders, politicians and heroes.

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#### DAY 2 ★ JANUARY 21

#### INAUGURATION DAY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Live through history as you take part in the inspiring events of Inauguration Day. Originally, Inauguration Day was March 4, four months after Election Day. The Twentieth Amendment changed the day to January 20. If that date happens to fall on a Sunday, as it does in 2013, the oath has historically been administered in a private ceremony on the 20th and then again publicly on the 21st, along with the other Inauguration events such as the Inaugural Address and Parade. Reagan, Eisenhower, Monroe, Taylor and Wilson all took private Sunday oaths.

**Oath of Office** • Although it's just 36 words long, the Oath of Office is often the most commanding event of the Inauguration. The Chief Justice of the United States administers

## DAY 4 ★ JANUARY 22 ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. ★ DEPARTURE

Today is your best opportunity to arrange special visits such as tours of the White House. Please note that these appointments may affect the day's schedule.

**U.S. Capitol** • See the U.S. Capitol, the city's epicenter and the heart of the federal legislature. George Washington laid the first cornerstone for the building in 1793, but the edifice was set on fire in 1814 when British troops marched through the city. Much of the structure was salvaged, thanks to heavy rains that quelled the flames. The Capitol remains the symbol of American government today.

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**Departure** • Head home today or extend your tour.

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# WASHINGTON, D.C.: INAUGURATION 2013 EXTENSIONS

Choose from the following three tour extensions. Extension dates will vary depending on whether your tour departs January 19 or January 20.

## OPTION 1 ★ *New York City*

### DAY 4 ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. ★ NEW YORK CITY (CONTINUED)

**Transfer to New York City** • Travel to New York City, which British explorer Henry Hudson "discovered" in 1609 while searching for a passage to China. Today, the Big Apple is the largest metropolis in the United States. It is a place of considerable history and the pulsing present, of national treasures and international style and of an eclectic mix of denizens all proud to call themselves New Yorkers. This city has an American spirit all its own.

**Top of the Rock** • Take in an unobstructed panoramic view of New York from atop the famous Rockefeller Center, home to the world's most recognized ice rink and Christmas tree. The excitement starts as you zoom up this National Historic Landmark in an elevator that dazzles with a ceiling light show. Then explore the amazing views of Manhattan from a three-tiered observation deck on the 67th, 69th and 70th floors. The top deck stands 850 feet above street level and provides a perfect place to pinpoint many of the city's favorite landmarks.

**Dinner** • Enjoy your evening meal, provided by Smithsonian Student Travel.

### DAY 5 ★ STATUE OF LIBERTY ★ NEW YORK CITY

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island** • Travel by ferry to Liberty Island and see the statue as many immigrants did as they arrived by ship. A gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance, the statue's iron skeleton was designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (of Eiffel Tower fame), sculpted by F. A. Bartholdi and modeled on the Colossus of Rhodes. *Liberty Enlightening the World*, the statue's full title, was unveiled to much fanfare in 1888. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the U.S. around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of European immigration.

**Guided sightseeing of New York City** • A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). And it just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy. Finish your tour at the World Trade Center site, home to the 9/11 Memorial.

**Times Square** • Be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds that make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle. Times Square, named for the New York Times headquarters, is an icon of New York City and home to the most famous New Year's Eve party on the planet.

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**Optional Broadway show** • Join New York's theater enthusiasts at a Broadway show. Let the talented performers, brilliant sets and magnificent costumes captivate you. (*Show depends on availability.*)

### DAY 6 ★ DEPARTURE

**Metropolitan Museum of Art (closed Mondays)** • With more than 3 million objects in its collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art houses one of the most extensive art collections in the world. The museum boasts works from around the globe and throughout millennia. Whether your taste is for African art, the European masters, works from classical antiquity, Islamic art or the art of Asia, the Met's extensive holdings are sure to enchant every visitor. You'll also find impressive collections of weapons, costumes, musical instruments and decorative arts.

**Central Park** • Make a stop in 843-acre Central Park, an idyllic oasis in the concrete jungle. Join the more than 35 million annual visitors that make Central Park the most visited urban park in the United States.

**Departure** • Your tour director assists with your departure.



## Tour price quote

Quote #1188466 created on 01/16/2012

### Washington, D.C.: Inauguration 2013

Tour number: 1199727  
 Tour consultant: Kathryn Francis  
 Group leader: Joe Jarvis  
 Group leader account #: 3061819

Number of days: 4  
 Requested departure date: Saturday, Jan 19, 2013  
 Requested return date: Tuesday, Jan 22, 2013  
 Depart from: Hartford

## TOTAL FEES

This tour is for consolidated group travel. See booking conditions.

Total price per student (under 20 years of age)

**\$875** or **\$78 per month †**  
 with EF's monthly payment plan

Total price per adult

**\$1,020** or **\$93 per month †**  
 with EF's monthly payment plan

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Free chaperone for every 10 paying participants
- Round-trip motor coach transportation to and from the tour destination
- Ground transportation to and from all included activities
- Hotel accommodation (based on quad occupancy for students, double occupancy for adults)
- Breakfasts (except on day of arrival)
- Dinners (except on day of return)
- Overnight security at your hotel
- Personal tour consultant and full-service team to help plan your trip and answer parent/student questions
- Personalized tour websites for you and your travelers
- Professional liability coverage
- 24-hour on-tour emergency support number
- Full-time Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
- Medical and Accident coverage for all participants
- Gratuities
- Optional enrollment in EF's Global Rewards Program, the best loyalty program available!

## DETAILED PRICE BREAKDOWN \*

\$875	Program Fee **
Free	Peace of Mind Program
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<b>\$875</b>	<b>Total price per student</b>
\$145	Adult Supplement
<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>Total price per adult</b>

### Questions?

Contact your tour consultant:  
**Kathryn Francis**  
**1.800.503.2323 x3273**

\* Adult supplement required for 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 [smithsonianstudenttravel.com/baggage](http://smithsonianstudenttravel.com/baggage). All prices subject to verification by SST Tour Consultant. To view SST's Booking Conditions, visit [smithsonianstudenttravel.com/bc](http://smithsonianstudenttravel.com/bc).

\*\* Program Fee is valid until Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Included in your Program Fee are current departure fees which include taxes and surcharges levied by governments and airlines and may be subject to change prior to final payment.

† Estimated monthly payment if a participant enrolls on Friday, Feb 17, 2012

### **GMHS International Field Trip to Costa Rica**

**Dates:** April 11 – April 18, 2013

**Details:** The Purpose of the trip is to allow students to experience the Costa Rican culture (and to apply Spanish language acquisition skills in an authentic environment when appropriate). Students will spend the week exploring Pura Vida, interacting with native population, and learning the customs of the Costa Rican People.

**Advisor:** Laura Iapichino, World Language Teacher

**Number of students:** Max 30

**Grade:** 9-12

**Cost Per Student:** \$2,722

### **GMHS 2013 Presidential Inauguration Trip**

**Dates:** Saturday, January 19 – Tuesday, January 22, 2013

**Details:** Students will explore the historic Washington D.C. including many of the sites studied in US History courses. They will take part of living history through taking part in the live observance of Inauguration Day including: The Presidential Oath of Office; Presidential Inaugural Address, parade and a special student Inaugural Ball to be held at the Smithsonian.

**Advisors:** Joe Jarvis, Social Studies Teacher  
Rodney Scudder, Social Studies Teacher

**Number of Students:** 40

**Grade:** 12

**Cost Per Student:** \$875

## Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for 3/7/12

Present:

Diane Dugas

Mike Dunn

Patricia Law

Alan Addley

Rosemarie Weber

Jenny Emery

Lynn Guelzow

Start 5:30 pm

End 7:00 pm

1. Consent Agenda approved
  - a. Minutes from last meeting
  - b. Highlights from Curriculum Director's Report
    - Student Success Plan committee planning for implementation
    - Technology Committee planning – state provides outline and guidance as well as benchmarks to meet.
  
2. Discussion on Process and Procedure
  - a. Curriculum subcommittee responsible for setting and approval of policy and provide oversight for curriculum, technology and communication for the district.
  - b. Discussion on creating a more iterative process of gathering information on important curriculum issues in advance from study and analysis prior to making recommendations to the entire Board.
  - c. Creating an overview calendar of issues to tackle.
  - d. Provide agenda items to subcommittee chair the Friday prior to a meeting for prioritization.
  - e. Issues identified to be addressed between now and June
    - Student Success Plans
    - Common PLC time throughout the district
    - Technology Plan
  
3. Old Business
  - a. Discussed DC&P implementation plan
  - b. Update on homework policy committee work.
  
4. New Business
  - a. Big History course - pilot program – based on topics covered – best placement of this course is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Discussion on the pros and cons of substituting this course in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the current World History course.
  - b. International Travel – Costa Rica – request from Dr. Law to permit her to gauge interest from students in trip to Costa Rica for next school year.

March 21	Finance Subcommittee Meeting BOE Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services
March 21	Early Release All Schools - Conferences		
March 22-23	Early Release – Elementary Only – Conf.		
March 26	Board of Finance Budget Hearing	7:30 p.m.	Senior Center
March 28	Budget Workshop (If necessary)	7:00 p.m.	Central Services
April 4	Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting BOE Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services
April 6	Holiday – No School		Offices Closed
April 9	Town of Granby Budget Hearing	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
April 16-20	April Vacation		Offices Open
April 23	Annual Town Meeting`	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium

Granby Board of Ed.,

On behalf of the Granby Field Hockey team I would like to thank you for your generosity in purchasing and embroidering our state champion jackets. Each year the team sets the goal to have another year stitched into the back of our jackets. We wear them with pride, and they are such to be cherished for many years to come. Again, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,  
Granby field hockey 2011-2012

