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From: [REDACTED]@mcsdonline.org>

Date: Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 10:25 AM

Subject: China Trip Arrangements - Emergency!

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Hello [REDACTED]

Hello, this is [REDACTED] In the past few days, the Chinese consulate has been in contact with me regarding the upcoming China trip. We have been invited by the Ministry of Education of China to visit at the end of January.

1. Duration of the Trip: It's quite rushed, but we need to decide on the duration. If you can choose between the two options today, I'll send out an email to interested students and parents who already have passports. The first agenda is from Jan. 22 to Jan. 31 (File 1 attached), and the second agenda is from Jan. 24 to Jan. 30 (File 2 attached). I also plan to invite Mrs. Fridley and some students from SCJH. Please let me know which schedule works best for all of us.

2. Meeting with China Consulate: The Chinese consulate will be visiting tomorrow (quite rushed again). If there's school, they'll come to discuss the event. Could you please let me know when you have time for this meeting?

3. Another Sister School: There is an opportunity to establish a sister school relationship with Hebei Zhengding High School in Zhengding, China. I've attached Files 4 and 5 for your reference.

Looking forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Chinese Teacher/ World Language
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Panda Project—Muscatine Middle School Students Study
Camp Schedule in China
(January 24-30, 2024)

(*Can be adjusted according to actual situation and school ideas)

January 24 (Wednesday)

07:15 Arrive in Beijing on flight CA982

Check into Huayu Holiday Hotel

In the morning, visit Beijing Zoo and see giant pandas

15:00-17:00 Visit to the Sino-foreign Language Exchange and Cooperation Center,
welcome ceremony

18:00-19:00 Welcome dinner (roasted duck) at the Language Center

It would be best if you can arrange a sea tour or DY tour this evening

January 25 (Thursday)

09:00-12:00 Visit the Great Wall

12:30-13:30 Lunch (Cantonese cuisine)

13:30-16:30 Visit the Palace Museum

18:00-19:30 Dinner (shabu-shabu or hot pot)

January 26 (Friday)

08:00-09:00 G77 goes to Shijiazhuang

09:30-11:00 Visited No. 43 Middle School in Shijiazhuang City, took a Chinese class
and met with leaders of Hebei Province

11:00-12:30 Have a light meal and go to the airport

14:10-16:20 flight MU8020 to Shanghai

18:00 Check into Crowne Plaza Hotel and register

18:30-19:30 Dinner

19:30-20:30 Ice-breaking activities for Chinese and American youth social activities

January 27 (Saturday)

08:30-10:00 Visit Fudan University

11:00-12:00 Visit Shanghai Tower

Afternoon group activities

Evening team building activities

January 28 (Sunday)

Morning group activities

Afternoon visit Yu Garden/Shanghai Museum

Evening group discussion and summary

January 29 (Monday)

Morning visit to Shanghai Tesla/Nio Automobile Co., Ltd.

Afternoon group discussion and summary

19:30-21:30 Sino-American Youth Speaking Event

January 30 (Tuesday)

11:30 Return to the United States from Shanghai on flight MU587

Gift: Panda doll

In order to thoroughly implement the spirit of President Xi Jinping's reply to his friend Sarah Lande of Iowa, Zhengding plans to invite old friends from Muscatine and young students to Zhengding to carry out exchange and study activities, in order to promote stable, healthy and sustainable Sino-US relations. Make positive contributions to sustainable development. There are several issues that need to be communicated:

1. **Time.** It is necessary to determine the time when Muscatine youth (middle school students, high school students, and college students) will come to Zhengding and how long they will stay. You can visit Zhengding in batches, or invite existing study groups to Zhengding.
2. **Personnel.** It is necessary to determine the number of students in the first batch of student exchange groups and the types of students.
3. **Research project.** Learn Zhengding intangible cultural heritage courses, taste Zhengding food, appreciate Yuan opera performances, feel Zhengding history and culture, plant a friendship forest together, and experience Chinese family life, picking, and traditional food production, etc. Strive to establish a sister school relationship between Muscatine High School and Hebei Zhengding Middle School
4. **Regarding exchange activities in Muscatine.** It is planned that in April or May this year, county leaders will lead a team to Muscatine City to hold the 11th anniversary event of sister-city friendship and carry out a series of Zhengding historical and cultural exhibitions, corporate exchanges, table tennis exchanges, etc. Activity.

Do you have any better suggestions or other itineraries for Muscatine?

Hebei Zhengding Middle School and Iowa, USA Muscatine City High School Exchange and Cooperation implementation plan

Hebei Zhengding Middle School is a provincial model high school directly under the Shijiazhuang Municipal Education Bureau. It is located in Zhengding, a national civilized city and a national historical and cultural city. It is a nationally renowned school with nearly two thousand years of ancient cultural and educational heritage and more than one hundred and twenty years of glorious history in modern education. The school was founded in 1902 (the 28th year of the reign of Emperor Guangxu of the Qing Dynasty). It currently has two campuses, the east and west campuses. The school headquarters covers an area of 160 acres, and the east campus (Hebei Zhengzhong Experimental Middle School) covers an area of more than 300 acres. The two campuses have 516 full-time teachers and more than 8,000 students.

1. Introduction to our school's international exchange work

Cultivating outstanding citizens with an international perspective is the unremitting pursuit of Zhengding Middle School. In 2012, the school formulated the "International Education Reform and Development Plan", which is committed to integrating our school's traditional advantages in the field of basic education and the world's advanced education experience, adhering to the path of distinctiveness and internationalization, and actively exploring international education resources. Efforts are made to enhance students' cross-cultural awareness and cultivate students' world perspective.

Our school has organized and carried out a series of international exchange activities, the brief introduction is as follows:

(1) Large-scale international forum activities

Since 2014, our school has held 20 large-scale educational exchange activities. These include 5 "One Belt and One Road Youth Education Development Alliance Annual Conference", 6 "Chinese and Foreign Middle School Principals Forum", 3 "International Cultural Understanding Day", etc. Principals, teachers and students from more than 100 colleges and universities in 35 countries participated in the exchange activities.

(2) Exchanges and visits between teachers and students

Our school has established friendly relations with institutions in 32 countries and carried out various exchange activities. It has received more than 1,000 visits from teachers and students from foreign friendly schools, more than 20,000 students have participated in on-campus international exchange activities, more than 500 students have been sent to overseas friendly schools for exchange visits, and more than 200 teachers have been sent overseas for special exchange training.

(3) International school-based curriculum system

Our school has successively opened school-based elective courses such as "Foreign Culture Courses", "Foreign Teacher Spoken Language Courses", "International Cultural Understanding Courses", "IELTS Middle School" and "STEAM". These courses have greatly improved the international understanding and cross-cultural communication skills of our school students.

(4) Education work for international students

Our school not only provides necessary support and assistance to students who intend to study abroad, but also accepts overseas students to study and live in our school. It has selected more than 200 outstanding graduates for world-famous schools and accepted 37 overseas middle school students for short-term study abroad.

(5) Steady advancement of international curriculum cooperation

Our school has cooperated with the Mikulaskovac Bilingual Middle School in Slovakia to jointly build international Chinese courses, and has established an overseas honorary campus and an international Chinese teaching base in the school. It has hosted the Chinese and Foreign Language Exchange and Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Education for many times. Exchange programs such as "Chinese Bridge" and "Summer Chinese School".

2. Implementation plan for exchange and cooperation between our school and Muscatine High School

Our school hopes to carry out exchanges and cooperation with Muscatine High School in the following areas:

(1) Established a sister school relationship with Muscatine High School

Our school hopes to establish a sister school with an outstanding high school in the city, carry out educational exchange activities such as teacher-student exchanges, academic seminars, and curriculum cooperation, and sign a sister school agreement in due course. (A sample agreement is attached)

(2) Inviting Muscatine High School to visit the school for exchanges

a.Sports exchange

Our school student American football team was founded in 2016 and has participated in the U19 World Championship as the Chinese representative team. Our school's American football team can conduct football-themed exchanges and visits with Muscatine High School. In addition, our school also has student clubs such as basketball team, football team, table tennis team and badminton team. Student sports clubs can carry out themed exchanges and visits with Muscatine High School. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation in 2024, our school plans to organize 1-2 sports-themed exchange activities.

b.Art exchange

Our school has a student Chinese orchestra, a student wind orchestra, a student dance

troupe and a student choir. Our school's student dance troupe has gone to the United States to participate in exhibition activities, and the student choir has gone to Russia to participate in exhibition exchanges. Our school's wind band and Chinese orchestra have participated in Blue Mountain Middle School in the United States jointly held a concert themed "Handshake Across the Ocean". Our school student art troupes can carry out theme exchange activities with each other. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a theme concert.

c. Cultural exchange

Zhengding has rich historical and cultural resources. In previous international exchange activities, our school has organized "Chinese and foreign students traveling to the ancient city together" activities many times, which have been well received by foreign teachers and students. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a "Chinese and American Students Tour the Ancient City Together" event.

Chinese calligraphy experience classes have always been a reserved item in our school's international exchange activities. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a calligraphy experience class or a "Chinese and American Student Calligraphy Exchange" activity.

Our school is the secretary-general unit of the Zhengding Wu-style Tai Chi Association. The successors of Wu-style Tai Chi regularly come to our school for exchanges and teaching. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a martial arts Tai Chi experience class. Our school also has a martial arts Tai Chi student association, and we can plan to organize an interactive exchange for martial arts Tai Chi students.

Our school plans to invite students from the other party to give an Iowa cultural theme lecture to our students.

d. Enjoy a family dinner together

In the large-scale exchange activities and reception activities for international exchange students in 2023, our school successfully organized "Family Banquet" activities many times, which was warmly welcomed by foreign friends. During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a "shared family banquet" activity. Students from our school will invite students from each other to go home and experience Zhengding family life.

e. Course experience

During the visit of the Muscatine High School student delegation, our school plans to organize a class transfer experience activity, inviting students from the other party to enter our school's student classes in groups to experience the daily learning life of Zhengding Middle School students.

Our school also has a mature international Chinese course system and plans to organize an international Chinese course experience activity. Our school's international Chinese teachers will teach international Chinese experience courses to the students.

(3) Send a student delegation to visit Muscatine High School

Our school plans to send a student delegation to visit Muscatine High School to carry out themed cultural exchanges.

Our school plans to use the holidays to select outstanding students to conduct research activities at Muscatine High School to enhance cultural understanding between both parties and broaden students' international horizons.

(4) Carry out curriculum cooperation and exchange of teachers and students with Muscatine High School

On the basis of equality and mutual benefit, the two sides set up elective courses in each other's schools and carry out course exchanges; the two sides send teachers and short-term exchange students to each other to promote cultural exchanges between teachers and students and tell the story of Zhengding. Our school will set up special classes for exchange students, customize courses, and equip them with specialized teachers.

Hebei Zhengding Middle School
January 10, 2024

Panda Project—Muscatine High School Students
Study Camp Schedule in China
(January 22-31, 2024)

(*Adjusted according to actual situation)

January 22 (Monday)

18:10 Arrive in Beijing by flight CA988

Check into Huayu Holiday Hotel

January 23 (Tuesday)

09:00-10:30 Visit to the Sino-foreign Language Exchange and Cooperation Center, welcome ceremony

13:00-16:00 Visit the Palace Museum and National Museum

It would be best if you can arrange a sea tour or DY tour this evening

January 24 (Wednesday)

09:00-10:30 Visit the Great Wall

13:00-16:00 Visit Beijing Zoo and see giant pandas

January 25 (Thursday)

09:00-10:30 Visit Schwarzman College of Tsinghua University and communicate with student representatives of Schwarzman College

12:30-14:30 Head to Xiongan New Area (1.5-2 hours by bus)

14:30-16:00 Visit Xiongan New Area

18:00-20:00 Go to Zhengding, Hebei Province (1.5-2 hours by bus)

20:00 Check into Zhengding Huayang Holiday Hotel

January 26 (Friday)

09:00-11:00 Visit Muscatine High School's sister school Zhengding No. 1

Middle School, Take a class with Chinese students and become language partners.

11:00-12:00 Visit Zhengding Cultural Ancient City

14:10-16:20 Take flight MU8020 to Shanghai

18:00 Check into Crowne Plaza Hotel and register

19:30-20:30 Ice-breaking activities for Chinese and American youth social activities

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January 30 (Tuesday)

08:00-08:45 Take the G817 high-speed train from Shanghai to Hangzhou

09:30-11:30 Visit West Lake, China Silk Museum, Longjing Village

In the afternoon, visit a middle school in Hangzhou

18:38-19:25 Take the G100 high-speed train from Hangzhou to Shanghai

January 31 (Wednesday)

13:20 Take flight MU583 from Shanghai back to the United States