

**Board Meeting Date**

February 26, 2026

**Item Title**

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRIP FOR LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TO HONG-KONG, BEIJING, AND SHANGHAI, CHINA FROM APRIL 4, 2026 – APRIL 14, 2026.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Out-Of-Country travel for 4 staff members and 20 students from Lincoln High School to Hong-Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai, China to participate in academic and athletic exchanges with other students from China from April 4, 2026 – April 14, 2026.

**Background**

Girls Flag Football and Boys Football will attend the 55th Anniversary Celebration of the US-China Ping Pong Diplomacy. They will participate in student exchanges as well as sport activities while in China. Students will also participate in academic and athletic exchanges with other students from China. They will also tour different locations in China. They will also partake in events with the City of Tacoma Mayor while in China. While visiting China students will tour 3 cities (Beijing, Chengdu, and Shanghai). Students will partner with The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), for touring purposes. CPAFFC is one of the major foreign affairs organizations of the People's Republic of China. CPAFFC manages China's sister city relationships, which aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding between the Chinese people and foreign nations.

**Current Consideration**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the Out-Of-Country travel for 4 staff members and 20 students from Lincoln High School to Beijing, China to participate in academic and athletic exchanges with other students from China from April 4, 2026 – April 14, 2026.

**Fiscal Implication**

No cost to the district.

**Strategic Plan Goal(s)**

Partnership & Participation

**Approved By**

Deputy Superintendent, Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.