

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
February 14, 2017

SUBJECT:

Request from an international travel and exchange program seeking approval to place foreign exchange students in district schools

BACKGROUND:

School Board Policy JFABB establishes guidelines for the admission of exchange students to the School District of Aiken County. Prior to a request for placement of a specific student, the "sponsoring organization must petition the Board for recognition/approval and to obtain the Board's willingness to participate in the organization's program of student exchange."

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

AFS-USA is fully accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). The Director of Administrative Services has met with the South Carolina representatives of the organization and contacted references. AFS-USA has identified a family in Aiken who would like to host a foreign exchange student starting in the fall of 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize AFS-USA as eligible to request placements of foreign exchange students in Aiken district schools.

ATTACHMENT:

Names and contact information of the sponsoring organization
CSIET Certificate of Acceptance

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CERTIFICATE of ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has completed its review of applications for listing in the *2016-2017 Advisory List for International Educational Travel & Exchange Programs*.

AFS-USA

is hereby granted *Full J-1 Inbound Listing and Full Outbound Listing* in the
2016-2017 edition of the *Advisory List*.

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