BOARD AGENDA ITEM

February 26, 2013

SUBJECT:

Requests from two international travel and exchange programs seeking approval to place foreign exchange students in district schools

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

School Board Policy JFABB establishes guidelines for the admission of exchange students to the School District of Aiken County. Prior to requesting placement of specific students, a 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:

Both international exchange programs are fully accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). Both provided references of high schools in the region, and these references were investigated by the Director of Administrative Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize the programs as eligible to request placements of foreign exchange students in Aiken schools.

ATTACHMENT:

Names and contact information of the sponsoring organizations

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