BOARD AGENDA ITEM September 25, 2018

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:

Ayusa International (Ayusa Global Youth Exchange) is fully accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). The Chief Administration Officer has been in communication with the Regional Manager for the Southeast Region representatives of the organization and has contacted references. Ayusa International has identified a family in Aiken who would like to host a foreign exchange student starting in the January of 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize Ayusa International as eligible to request placements of foreign exchange students in Aiken district schools.

ATTACHMENT:

Names and contact information of the sponsoring organization Ayusa Global Young Exchange 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 2018-2019 Advisory List for International Educational Travel & Exchange Programs.

Ayusa Global Youth Exchange

is hereby granted a Full J-1 Inbound Listing status in the 2018-2019 edition of the Advisory List.

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