

SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting: April 10, 2012

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING THE POSSIBLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL FROM CONCEPCIÓN, CHILE.

BACKGROUND: Scotts Valley High School was contacted by the Thomas Jefferson School from Concepción, Chile for a possible exchange program. The school travels every other year to schools in Ohio. They would like to make their trip to the United States an every year occurrence. They have chosen Scotts Valley as one of three area high schools for a possible visit. The other area schools are; SLV, PCS and Santa Cruz. Their goal is to travel to Ohio on the odd years and come to Scotts Valley on the even years. They would like to visit us in September of 2012. There would be about 8-10 students here at the school for about a two week visit.

Thomas Jefferson School is a private bilingual school located in Concepción, Chile. There are 700 students in the school that range in age from pre-kindergarten to high school. The philosophy of the school is to educate the whole child. They believe in taking several trips throughout the students' experience at the school. Not only do they travel to the United States, they take ski trips, and visit congress. This school has been doing exchanges like this for 15 years.

DESCRIPTION DETAILS:

Students arrive in Washington D.C. a few days before coming to Scotts Valley. Upon arrival to Scotts Valley, the students will stay with host families. These families will choose their student prior to the visit. Each student will know where he/she will be staying by the end of the 2011-12 school year.

During the two week visit at the school, September 15 – 27, 2012, students will shadow their host family member. Each student will attend class every day while he/she is here. The visiting students will also be participating in the extra-curricular activities of the SVHS student. There will be a chaperone that will also be with the students every day on campus.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the school district. Most expenses will be paid for by the visiting students and the organization. Some meals and transportation will be provided by the host family.

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Item Proposed For: Information