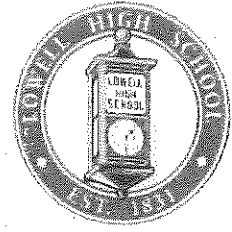


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Re: Travel to Germany and Austria during April school vacation

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I would like to request permission for approval for twenty-four students and four chaperones to travel to Germany and Austria during vacation week of April 16-24, 2021. Students will miss one day from school. (April 16<sup>th</sup>) In order to keep the costs at a minimum for students traveling, we have elected to travel during the "off season" which forces the 9-day trip to overlap with one day of school. Although this trip is open to all students, it will be a unique opportunity for students enrolled in the Holocaust Literature and Facing History classes, as the students will visit many of the places studied.

This trip will be coordinated with the assistance of Explorica, and accredited group located in Boston. This organization comes highly recommended, as they have been working with student travel for over fifteen years. This will be the third time I've travelled with the company, and I can confirm the quality of accommodation and services. The only cost to the school department will be three substitutes for one day total of \$330.

Each student traveling will incur the total cost of the trip.  
Program Price: \$3,514.00

This trip is in accordance with Massachusetts State Curriculum Frame Work under the following standards:

1. Culture, Students will demonstrate an understanding of the culture studied thorough history, literature, and the arts.
2. Communities, Students will use languages other than English beyond the school setting.
3. World History, Students will be able to explain the impact of various social and political reforms and reform movements in Europe.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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