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Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent  
Lowell Public Schools  
155 Merrimack Street  
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**Re: Cuisine & Culture of Southern Italy**

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I am requesting permission for Susan Brassard and a group of Lowell High School students to travel on an international trip named **Cuisine & Culture of Southern Italy** during the school vacation week in February of 2021. I am anticipating up to 18 students' total. The travel arrangements are being handled by EF Tours, an organization frequently used in the planning of other international trips with Lowell High School.

The trip will include a focus on the cuisine and culture of Southern Italy including Rome, Capua, Benevento, Bari, and Matera. Students will be exposed to the cuisine and culture of these cities including a visit to a buffalo mozzarella farm, multi-generational chocolate factory, and an olive farm. A custom excursion in Rome has been added:

***Rome cooking class***

*Discover why food plays such an integral role in Italy's culture as you dive into this hands-on cooking class. With a local Italian chef as your guide, participate in making several classic Italian recipes. Upon completion, sit down at the table and enjoy the tasty fruits of your labor.*

Chaperones are Susan Brassard and two additional non-teacher adult chaperones include Cassandra Johnson, and Brianna Heughins (CORI completed). It will be for Friday February 12th or Monday February 15, 2021. This will be depending upon the flight scheduling, and EF Tours is aware that scheduling cannot conflict with the Thursday school schedule. **NO COST TO LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.**

**Student Costs: Pricing Information**

- **Enrollment Fee** \$95 – locks in the price for students, included in program fee.
- **Program Fee** \$3,709 (this includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation, EF tour director, daily breakfast and dinner, all entrance fees and local guides; travelers will be responsible for their lunch, daily); includes Group Travel Insurance; tips will be the responsibility of the group.
- **Transportation to/from Logan Airport** – To be determined through local bus transportation, divided by the number of students attending, and no cost to the school department.

The trip complies with the Massachusetts Curriculum Standards:

*Standard 1: Culture.* Students will demonstrate an understanding of the culture studied through history, literature, and the arts.

*Standard 2: Communities.* Students will use languages other than English beyond the school setting.

*Standard 3: Demonstrate active listening skills.* Listen attentively and respectfully to others. Focus attentively, make eye contact or other affirming gestures, confirm understanding and follow directions.

*Standard 4: Professionalism.* Demonstrate attendance and punctuality. Identify and practice professional time-management and attendance behaviors including punctuality, reliability, planning and flexibility.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marianne E. Busteed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a distinct "E" and "B".

Marianne E. Busteed  
Head of Lowell High School