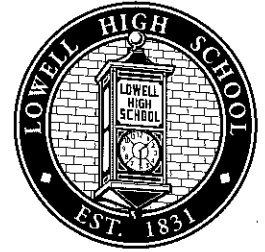


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Ms. Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
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January 03, 2019

Re: Italy & Greece Field Trip, April 2020

Dear Superintendent Durkin:

I would like to request permission for up to 35 students and five chaperones, Wayne Taylor, Jill Taylor, Kara Pigeon, Tom Thornton and Michelle Callahan, all Lowell High School staff to travel to Rome, Italy, and Athens Greece as well as additional towns in each country during April school vacation, 2020. Travel will be from Friday, April 17, 2020 and return on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Students will miss 1 day of school. Friday April 17th. In order to keep costs at a minimum for students traveling, we have elected to travel during the "off season" which forces the 8 day trip to overlap with one day of school.

This trip will be coordinated with the assistance of EF Education Tours, an accredited travel group located in Boston, MA. This organization comes highly recommended as they have been working with student travel for over 50 years.

Each student traveling will incur the total cost to the trip. The itemized cost are:

- Enrollment Fee \$95.00 – Locks in the price for students
- Program Fee \$3,285.00 - \$3,485 (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); including Group Travel Insurance, tips will be the responsibility of the group.
- Transportation to / from Logan Airport \$380.00 through local bus transportation divided by the number of students attending, no cost to the school department.
- The only cost will be for 3 substitutes for one day for a total of \$315.00 from the Lowell High School Individual account.

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

- Culture. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the culture studied through history, literature, and the arts.
- Communities. Students will use languages other than English beyond the school setting.
- 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,

Marianne E. Busted
Head of Lowell High School

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