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TO: Elizabethtown Board of Education

FROM: Thad Elmore, Assistant Principal, TK Stone Middle

RE: Koori-Machi, Japan October 5 – October 12, 2013

September 3, 2013

This past May, I was invited to attend the culture exchange trip to Koori-Machi, Japan with the City of Elizabethtown. The trip will include a tour of a manufacturing facility and three days in schools in and around Koori-Machi. The delegation will include business leaders, community leaders, students and professionals in the education field. The total cost for the trip is outlined below:

Adults – **\$2,498.96** (Airline tickets - \$1,698.96 & Hotel, etc. - \$800.00)

This included meals, transportation, and housing.

Upon return I plan on sharing my culture exchange in several ways. I have included this below with a brief summary of each.

1. TK Stone Global Citizenship class. I plan on working with the students to discuss the culture of Japan. I will present information to the students, they will research and then we will share what we have gained in the end. Fall 2013-Spring 2014
2. 6th grade Geography class. I will share with each 6th grade class a presentation about my visit and the culture of Japan. This will be conducted in coordination with the covering of Ancient History of Japan. Fall 2013
3. EIS Instructional Meeting. I will share information gained during a meeting of the EIS Instructional team. The information I gather while touring the schools and factories in Japan will be discussed with comparisons made to our society.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Thad Elmore, Assistant Principal, TK Stone Middle



One Goal, One Focus, Our Future -- Students