

ATTACHMENT NO. IX-C: High School Pairing with Sister School

Potential motion: Move to approve High School Pairing with Sister School

Recommended action: Approve the motion.

Benefits of the 1000 Sister School Program:

North Boone High School seeks to provide students with exceptional experiences that continuously develop their minds and characters, fostering life-long learning and responsible citizenship. The Chinese sister school program will help students achieve this goal.

The sister school exchange will open the students minds to other cultures outside their own. It will help the students understand and appreciate the unique attributes of their own school. It will show the students how to be a good global citizen by teaching mutual understanding and respect.

Another goal of North Boone High School is career readiness in the global environment. The sister school program can promote readiness by providing cross cultural experience and collaborated projects needed for success in future work. The Freshman World Culture class can each have a Chinese student shadow and work collaboratively on a project that will enrich the students' lives.

North Boone High School also seeks to use new technologies to benefit students. The two sister schools can use art and music to share concerts and art pieces though shared drop boxes in the computer labs.

Lastly the sister school program benefits the North Boone students but doesn't rely on school funding or North Boone staff for time and resources to be successful. Funding comes from the Chinese school for the short visit. A local liaison will help to make the sister school visit seamless, fun and educational.



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## 1 About “1000 Sister Schools Initiative”

“1000 Sister Schools Initiative” is a program jointly launched by Department of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Government of Zhejiang Province and Department of Education of the People’s Government of Zhejiang Province in China, dedicated to promote the international exchanges and cooperation between primary and secondary schools in Zhejiang Province and schools in the rest of the world.

## 2 Our Goal

We aim to help primary and secondary schools in Zhejiang Province to establish 1000 pairs of sister-school relations with schools from countries all over the world in the following 2 to 3 years.

## 3 Our Vision

Help children understand the diversity of cultures in our world

Broaden their visions to adapt to this complex world

Train their cross-cultural communication and teamwork skills

Foster in them qualities of becoming future social leaders

Make their child life a difference with this unique experience



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## 4 Form of Exchanges

### a. Exchange of students.

Conduct student exchange programs that focus on homestays and language skills, so as to enhance the youth's understanding of different cultures and countries.

### b. Exchange of teachers and training programs for teachers.

Organize presidents of schools and teachers to take training courses in their sister schools, exchange ideas on teaching method, and carry out language lessons there.

### c. Educational cooperation.

Invite foreign expert teachers to teach in Zhejiang; establish joint programs for teaching, training and researches; hold theme forums on education; bring in good foreign language textbooks to Zhejiang classrooms.

### d. Cultural and sports exchanges.

Jointly hold art performance, exhibitions and sports events; organize students to join the cultural activities held by their sister schools.



Foreign Teachers Together with Chinese Kids



Chinese Teachers Share Ideas with Foreign Teachers



Zhejiang Teachers in a US Class



A Joint Volleyball Match Between Zhejiang and Australian Students

## 5 Why Zhejiang?

Zhejiang is one of the most economically-developed provinces in China. It is located on the south-east coast of China, with Shanghai, the largest city in China, on its north. Zhejiang boasts a land area of 100,180 km<sup>2</sup>, and a population of 51.8 million. Its capital, Hangzhou, enjoys a nation-wide fame as the paradise for tourists and a city of leisure.

Zhejiang province has always laid emphasis on the development of education. With an increasing investment in education by the local government, the performance of basic education in Zhejiang is taking the lead in the country. In 2009, the overall investment in the education sector in Zhejiang Province amounted to US \$ 13.72 billion. At present, there are 5.87 million students enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Zhejiang. Nearly every student has access to 15-year education.

(For further information, please refer to our pamphlet *Overview of Zhejiang*.)

## 6 What have we done?

So far, Zhejiang has established 31 sister-school relations with primary and secondary schools in Indiana in the US, and 4 sister-school relations with Western Australia, Australia.

We are looking forward to your participation.



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# **COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

North Boone High School, Illinois U.S.A

**AND**

Yucheng High School, Zhejiang Province, P.R. China,

**North Boone High School and Yucheng High School, in the spirit of mutual respect and increased understanding and cooperation between our two great nations, do hereby reach the following understanding based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.**

**The two sides agree:**

- 1. To promote international relationship and cooperation to serve school management, teachers, students and their communities.**
- 2. To encourage and facilitate the long-distance communication between teachers and students of both sides by means of pen pal, internet, video conference and other distance learning and e-learning technical facilities.**
- 3. To strengthen contacts, enhance understanding and friendship, as well as mutual respect and appreciate each others culture, encourage and facilitate the exchange and visits between school officials, teachers and students at time convenient for both.**

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**Illinois, U.S.A**

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**Zhejiang Province, P.R. China**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 友好交流协议书

中华人民共和国浙江省玉环市玉城中学与美利坚合众国伊利诺伊州 North Boone High School以中美建交原则为基础，为加强双方的友好交流与合作，发展友好校际关系，双方本着增进了解、互惠互利的原则，签订建立姐妹学校关系。双方同意：

- 一、促进国际教育交流，服务相关的学校领导、教师、学生以及学校社区。
- 二、努力通过互联网、视频会议等技术设施以实现双方教师在教育领域的远程交流。
- 三、加强联系，增进了解和友谊，尊重、欣赏双方文化；鼓励并促进学校间领导、教师、学生在双方方便的时候交流和互访。

本协议制成中文和英文两种文字，一式两份，两种文本具有同等效力。该协议从签署之日起生效。

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