



SD43 Report on the International Education Working Trip to China

Trip Overview

In support of School District 43's International Education Program, a Board delegation will accompany the Superintendent on a working trip to China in late February 2018. This was publicly announced at the February 20, 2018 SD43 Public Board meeting and has been posted on the SD43 News webpage.

Trip Departure and Return Timelines

Departure – February 26, 2018

Return – March 9, 2018

Trip Itinerary

Monday, February 26, 2018	Depart from Vancouver to Hong Kong
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	Arrival Hong Kong
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	Meet with Hong Kong Education Bureau
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Visit Hong Kong
Friday, March 2, 2018	Visit schools re: Computational Thinking with Micro:Bits
Saturday, March 3, 2018	Flight Hong Kong to Shanghai
Sunday, March 4, 2018	Visit Shanghai
Monday, March 5, 2018	Meeting with Education Bureau in Shanghai
Tuesday, March 6, 2018	Travel by train from Shanghai to Beijing
Wednesday, March 7, 2018	Meeting with Canadian Embassy
Thursday, March 8, 2018	Meetings with Education Bureaus in Beijing
Friday, March 9, 2018	Flight home from Beijing to Vancouver

Trip Goals

This working trip will primarily involve visiting several Education Bureaus (School Districts) and schools with goals of enhancing existing relationships and building new relationships to maintain the current level of students SD43's International Education program.

Trip Costs

Approximately \$9120 per attendee with the Superintendent's costs being paid from the International Education Program and all other attendees' costs being paid by the Confucius Institute in Coquitlam.

Trip Attendees

Kerri Palmer-Isaak, Chair; Michael Thomas, Vice-Chair; Trustees Carol Cahoon, Barb Hobson, Judy Shirra, Diane Sowden; and Superintendent Patricia Gartland.