

# STUDENT INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROPOSAL

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## OVERVIEW

### 1. Project background and description

- ✓ *As of 2018, the Plymouth Public Schools have had a relationship with the Xi An Gao Xing No. 1 High School in China. During the 2018/2019 school year, students from Xi An Gao Xing were given the opportunity to study for a semester. However, due to the introduction of the Covid-19 epidemic, this opportunity was abruptly interrupted. As a former superintendent, I had the privilege of establishing a strong relationship with the school and its students during that period. Recently, the school has reached out to me to inquire if the Plymouth Public Schools are open to rekindling this relationship.*

### 2. Project scope

- ✓ *As part of an initiative to foster a stronger relationship between Plymouth Public Schools and Xi An Gao Xing High School, we propose reintroducing a student exchange program. The program will begin by inviting Chinese students to study in Plymouth for a month. The students will arrive in Boston in late February and stay with host families, with all costs covered by the visiting students themselves. To ensure a smooth experience, a Plymouth Public Schools liaison will be assigned to support the students throughout their stay. Additionally, a teacher liaison from Xi An Gao Xing will accompany the students and be available to provide support alongside the Plymouth Schools liaison.*

### 3. Student Commitment

- ✓ *As part of the exchange program, students will have the opportunity to shadow a Plymouth North or South student during their stay. In previous exchange programs, visiting students would follow their host family student's schedule and attend other activities that may come up during their stay. It's*

*important to note that visiting students will need to maintain a full course load from their home school and meet all academic requirements in both Plymouth and China. Students will attend classes for around 20 school days during their stay.*

The students guest students will:

- Travel to and from school with the same transportation as their host student
- Attend classes with their host student and participate in other opportunities that arise
- Parents of students are required to pay for student meals during school, transportation to and from school and other incidental expenses that arise.

#### **4. Host Family Recruitment**

- ✓ *Host family recruitment nights will be advertised, and host family nights will be offered at both North and South. The parents of visiting students will cover all the expenses of the visit and answer any potential question host families may have will be answered during the information nights.*

#### **5. Action by the Plymouth School Committee**

- ✓ *By approving this as a Plymouth Public Schools opportunity, the student visit and potential exchange will be re-introduced.*

#### **6. Expenses Associated With Program**

- ✓ *Thew students visiting are 100% responsible for their expenses. All school related costs will be reimbursed to the school districts. Host families will be provided with an \$800 stipend to help offset cost during the visit.*

#### **7. Visit Timetable**

- ✓ *December 2022: Host Family Recruitment*  
*Student Visit: Students will arrive the last week in February and stay for approximately 30 days.*