



Brookline High School Field Trip Application  
Brookline –India Global Health trip  
Delhi and Agra, India August 2017

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### **Global Health in Delhi, India**

The purpose of the Brookline High School Global Health trip is to enable Brookline students see first hand some of the challenges and opportunities of healthcare work in a lower income country and to have a taste of the rich cultural traditions of India.

### **Designed specifically for students who have interned at Pathfinder International**

In April of 2017, Pathfinder International's Vice President of Human Resources Lee Gelb (<http://www.pathfinder.org/staff-members/lee-gelb/>) and the Pathfinder's India Country Representative, Mathew Joseph (<http://www.pathfinder.org/staff-members/mathew-joseph/>) extended a personal invitation to the Brookline High School students who are interning at the Pathfinder International Headquarters office in Watertown. The invitation was to come to India to see Pathfinder projects there. *Please see attached letter*

This will be an extension of the trip for students who are going to visit Pathfinder projects in Tanzania.

### **Program Information**

#### Pathfinder International

This international Non-Governmental Organization focuses on reproductive health care, family planning, and HIV / AIDS work in India and around the globe. Pathfinder has been active in India for over fifteen years and is well recognized, not only within the reproductive health care community, but with the Indian government for its work. It has a long-running and extremely successful history of working with the Indian government at the highest levels and has been instrumental in many programs coordinating with the Ministry of Health throughout the country. Two of the many projects that Pathfinder has in India are described here.

[http://merckformothers.com/blog/matrika\\_01-19-2017\\_pathfinder.aspx](http://merckformothers.com/blog/matrika_01-19-2017_pathfinder.aspx)

<http://advancefamilyplanning.org/news/leading-company-india-ambuja-cement-adds-family-planning-its-corporate-social-responsibility>

Several years ago, Pathfinder International opened an office that is incorporated in India and is a registered NGO in India. Currently, that office is working on several projects that are funded by foundations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. It also is coordinating with corporations in India, as the program with Ambuja Cement attests.

Brookline students will be coordinating with Pathfinder International both before the trip and during it. Pathfinder, whose international headquarters is in Watertown Massachusetts, will be responsible for all aspects of this trip that include global healthcare. Brookline students who have been interning at Pathfinder's headquarters in Watertown will spend extensive time there

understanding various aspects of the program around the world in general and, specifically, in India.

### **Connection to School Committee Mission and Goals**

The Pathfinder Intern India travel invitation supports the School Committee Core Values and Goals in the following ways:

#### **Mission -- Core Values: Collaboration**

Through collaboration we find new sources of learning and strength. The Public Schools of Brookline actively promote collaborative relationships. We seek out partnerships with community organizations that add value to our school system. We urge and support collaboration and exchange within and across our school community.

In Delhi, and the surrounding area, Brookline High School students will see three projects. The first involves three projects. The first is funded by the Packard Foundation and is called the Shaadi Photo Project. Pathfinder trains local photographers to share family planning and reproductive healthcare information with couples getting married so that they get free photos and FP/RH information. The second project is a Corporate Social Responsibility project, where Pathfinder International staff are working with local businesses to discuss their involvement, financial and otherwise, with PI projects in and around Delhi. The final project is a Maternal Health project in Madjar Pradesh. We will see how Pathfinder helps deliver logistical and mentoring support for quality healthcare. This also involves a project funded by the Gates Foundation called the Haryana project.

#### **Mission -- Core Values: Respect for Human Difference**

We are committed to acknowledging and celebrating the diversity within our community while affirming the importance of our common humanity. By promoting a safe environment for questioning and challenge, we foster the growth and value that comes from different perspectives, cultures and experiences. Our commitment is to create an atmosphere of safety in which to acknowledge and express difference while advancing true acceptance and respect for all.

Students will see and experience one of the more diverse countries on the entire planet and one that is radically different from our own, whether socio-economically, culturally, or religiously. They will be able to speak with professionals who are seeking to deliver healthcare in tremendously challenging places and diverse environments.

#### **Goal: Every Student Prepared for Change and Challenge**

Instill in every student the habits of mind and life strategies critical for success in meeting the intellectual, civic, and social demands of life in a diverse, ever-changing, global environment.

In addition to supporting the above School Committee missions, the trip also supports the goal stated above. Through preparation before the trip, whether readings or speakers, the students

will understand some of the challenges of working in a lower income country that is radically different in many ways from their home culture in Brookline Massachusetts. They will also understand a few of the myriad complexities of addressing global reproductive healthcare or bringing about cultural change around women's status. This will both prepare them better to operate in such an environment and also help open their eyes to the possibility that they *can* operate on such a global stage. These first-hand experiences for students will demonstrate powerfully for students that they too can engage in this type of work and this type of change.

### **Basic Itinerary of the Trip -- August 4th to August 12th, 2017**

- 8/4 - Fly from Zanzibar to Delhi
- 8/5 - Arrive in Delhi
- 8/6 - Travel to Agra to see the Taj Mahal
- 8/7 - time in Agra to see the Taj and also the palace Fatehpur Sikri
- 8/8 - return to Delhi
- 8/9 - Outside of Delhi Project - full service delivery
- 8/10 - project with photoshoot, marriage, and skepticism.
- 8/11 - shopping and CRI project
- 8/12 - Return to Boston

### **APPLICATION FOR ALL OUT-OF-STATE, OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

#### ***TRIP LOGISTICS:***

1. **Name of Field Trip:** India - Pathfinder Intern - Reproductive Healthcare field visit.
2. **Educators Requesting Field Trip Approval:** Ben Kahrl, Steph Hunt (Social Studies teachers),
3. **School:** Brookline High School      **Grade Level:** rising 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
4. **Have you reviewed the new School Committee Policy I 3 a. for Field Trips?** Yes
5. **Have you reviewed the document, *Administrative Procedures for School Sponsored Field Trips?*** Yes
6. **What is your destination?** Delhi and Agra, India
7. **What is the date you are leaving Brookline?** [We will be continuing on from the Zanzibar field trip that the School Committee has approved] August 4th, 2017
8. **What is the date you are returning to Brookline?** Sunday Aug. 12th, 2017
9. **Do the dates of the trip conflict with any religious holidays or observances?** No
10. **How many days will students miss from school?** Zero
11. **How are students being transported?**
  - a. Zanzibar to Delhi: airplane
  - b. while in India: a minibus in Delhi, a train to and from Agra, taxis in Agra,
  - d. from Delhi to Boston: airplane

12. **How many students will be participating in the field trip?** 4 students
13. **What members of the student body are eligible for the trip?** Any student who has interned with Pathfinder International. This internship opportunity is open to current 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students.
14. **How are students selected to participate in this field trip?** Students will be selected based on the following criteria:  
 - Students who are interns at Pathfinder International. Any student who interns there is eligible to participate in the trip.
15. **Where will students be staying?**  
 Hotel Africa Avenue (3 star Hotel) Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi.  
 Two nights in a moderately priced hotel in Agra.
16. **What are the names and cell phone numbers of the primary staff chaperones on the trip?**
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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ben Kahrl          | Steph Hunt           |
| Ben (508) 717-2302 | Steph (781) 690-4250 |
17. Both of our chaperones have experience with international travel, and have either led student groups and/or participated in exchange trips in the past. They will be supervising the students and available to them on a 24-hour basis. While in Tanzania, each chaperone will have a cell phone that works within the local network and will be able both to contact each other and also make calls to the United States.
18. **Other than those listed above, what are the names of other adult chaperones on the trip?** None

***EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE:***

**19. What is the purpose of the trip and how does it relate to the Brookline High School Course Syllabi?**

Students who have spent a semester or a year interning with Pathfinder International have seen how an international NGO operates at the American headquarters level. They will now be able to see operations in the field. The projects concern newlywed education, corporate responsibility initiatives, and full service maternal family planning care. They will be able to see both sides of the international NGO program, work at the headquarters and then see how those policies and approaches impact their programs.

**20. Describe activities planned before the trip to prepare students:**

- A. Interning at Pathfinder International.
- B. Reading literature about Reproductive Health Care and Family Planning Programs, and HIV / AIDS programs.
- C. Films -
  - a. Documentary - "Half the Sky" about maternal mortality.
  - b. Video "Five Heroes of the AIDS Crisis"
  - c. The World in the Balance - population explosion in India
- D. Readings
  - a. Project Briefings / Descriptions from Pathfinder International.

**21. Describe activities planned after the trip to wrap-up/reflect:**

Students who participate will be asked to discuss the experience with the Global Leadership class and also the Amnesty International chapter members.

**ACCESSIBILITY AND STUDENT SAFETY:**

**22. To what extent does the field trip group reflect the diversity of the school population? What efforts will be undertaken to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, the participants in this field trip are representative of the school population?**

Currently, the internship program at Pathfinder is open to any students at Brookline High School who demonstrate the requisite skills and interest in the field of developing world reproductive healthcare and family planning. As we expand this program to include more students, it will reflect Brookline High School's population as a whole. Currently, of the four students interested, there are three students of color. There are one boy and three girls.

This trip will have a **Needs Blind** admissions process whereby applications for financial aid are submitted separate from regular applications and will not be revealed until after selections are made. The financial aid process will award students a percentage of his or her trip that will be covered and we will ensure that percentage is paid for by school fund raising activities.

**22. What measures are planned to ensure student safety on the trip, including chaperone coverage, student behavior contracts, etc?**

**Enrollment in Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).** This is a service of the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State that alerts the U.S. Embassy in India of our travel when we arrive in India. This is the program recommended by the U.S. Embassy in Delhi. (<https://in.usembassy.gov/> )

Additionally, we will also call the U.S. Embassy after the trip is approved to find out any travel advisories that might exist and against before our departure. We will also consult the following website for any specific information.

<https://in.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/security-and-travel-information/>

Beyond the typical measures of traveling with any student group on an overnight trip, in traveling to a country like India, there are two particular areas of focus for student safety: health and security.

### **Health Safety**

For health safety, there are several different areas we will address before departure and others as well during our travel:

- 1) Immunizations - We have spoken with the Mt. Auburn travel clinic and they will do a briefing for students and parents, as well as provide an opportunity for students to receive any needed immunizations that they do not have. Those students who do not participate in this will be required to provide proof of visiting a travel clinic and receiving the proper immunizations and medications concerning diseases like tuberculosis, typhoid, malaria, and yellow fever. All students immunizations records must be up to date. This will also include the need for bringing medications like imodium and cipro designed to address gastrointestinal illness or distress.
- 2) Medication - Students will also be advised to bring medication for travel / motion sickness if they are prone to this, as well as medication, both over the counter and prescription, for gastrointestinal illness and possible diarrhea.
- 3) Briefings - Students and parents will attend mandatory briefing concerning travel and health and diet in a low income country. This will cover restrictions on diet, namely strong advisories to avoid certain food (anything that has not been cooked, peeled, boiled, or processed). This is particularly a concern with fruits and vegetables. Students will also be advised that food security in terms of avoiding severe allergies like those with nuts simply cannot be guaranteed. Students will also understand the challenges of water, both in terms of safety of not using tap water for drinking or brushing teeth, but also the need to consume only bottled water or canned or bottled drinks. This caution includes *any* consumption of ice.
- 4) Diet - Students will be advised to bring power bars or other nutrition that is easily portable with them so that if there are days with long breaks between meals, they can avoid low blood sugar. They will also be advised to drink considerable amounts of fluid to ensure against dehydration, a common occurrence in more tropical climates. We will also purchase and have available large quantities of safe water for everyone to drink.



**Security Safety**

This aspect of the trip is paramount and involves understanding risks and taking focused clear steps to avoid those risks. This is the same approach that we take with all of our exchange trips to France, Mexico, China, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Cambodia, Germany, or Spain. One of the best ways to do this is to rely on those who know the area the best. This is similar to the foreign exchange students, whether from China, Japan, or France, who visit Brookline High School. We might advise them to avoid certain parts of Boston during certain events or certain times of day or night.

We are relying on local expertise with Pathfinder International. We have had extensive conversations with staff members of both the headquarters staff and also Indian office staff about the safety of the students. Based on the recommendations of these organizations there are several steps that we are taking.

- 1) Registering with the American Embassy in Delhi.
- 2) Registering with Smart Traveler Enrollment Program <https://step.state.gov/STEP/Index.aspx> sponsored by the U.S. State Department which delivers updates and alerts about locations around the globe, in this case specifically India.

Finally we will follow any and all State Department advisories in the event any are issued.

**23. What is the name and location of the medical facility closest to your destination?**

Delhi  
Sir Ganga Khan Hospital - <http://www.sgrh.com/>

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital is a 675-Bed multi-speciality state-of-the-art Hospital in India. It provides comprehensive Healthcare India services, and has acquired the status of a premier medical institution. It is the only hospital in the private sector that has maintained nearly 100% bed occupancy due to its reputation of providing the highest level of medical services to patients from Delhi and neighbouring states.

Office timings 9 am to 5 pm (IST)

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**24. Will students be swimming? No.**

**25. If travelling outside of the United States, please attach the appropriate Department of State notices and advisories.**

As of May 2017, there were no significant warnings concerning India, except to be aware of petty theft situations and avoiding large political rallies. These are common sense warnings that would be true of any foreign travel. (For example, pick pockets are quite common on Paris Metro cars.)

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/india.html>

***FUNDING:***

**26. What is the cost of the trip? \$800**

The projected cost is \$800 per student. This cost includes: round trip airfare on scheduled airlines, hotel stays, transportation to and from the airport, most meals during the time:

For a detailed budget, please refer to the budget document.

**27. How will the field trip be funded?**

The trip will be funded by the families of participants. As described in #28 and #29 below, we will actively engage in fundraising efforts to raise money for scholarships, and students will be encouraged to assist their family by contributing to the cost through their own work. We are currently working to solicit donations from private individuals who want to support the work of expanding opportunities for students at Brookline High School, particularly students who would not otherwise be able to afford these trips.

**28. What accommodations are made for students who cannot afford the expenses of the trip? Are partial and/or full scholarships available?**

Yes, scholarships will be available. Any and every student who applies for, and receives notification of deserving financial aid through the application process at BHS will receive that aid.

Furthermore, we will let students know that scholarships are available and that all scholarship requests will remain confidential. Students may complete a separate scholarship application that will in no way restrict their selection to participate. If additional funds are needed, additional fundraisers will be planned to supplement them. Acceptance to the trip will be determined separately from scholarship awards so as not to influence selection process.

**29. If fundraisers are planned to help lower the cost of the trip for all students, please describe those plans here.**

We have solicited and received pledges of support from benefactors who are interested in promoting global reproductive health care so that they will cover any needed costs.

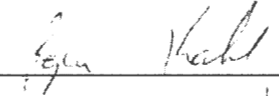

**Other relevant information for the time in Delhi and Agra 2017:**

**Emergency Numbers in Delhi:**

- Register with the U.S. Embassy -
  - <https://in.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/security-and-travel-information/>
- U.S. Embassy Contact information
  - U.S. Embassy in New Delhi
    - Shantipath, Chanakyapuri
    - New Delhi - 110021
    - Phone: 011-91-11-2419-8000

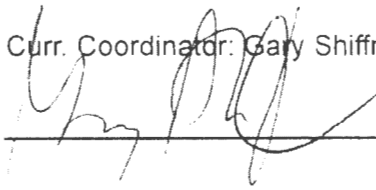
**Submitted by:**

Educators: Benjamin Kahrl . Steph Hunt

Signatures :   


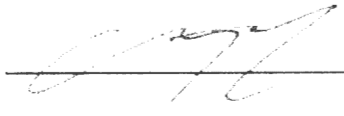
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Social Studies Curr. Coordinator: Gary Shiffman



Date: 5/3/17

Headmaster: Anthony Meyer

Signature : 

Date: 6/11/17

**PROJECTED COSTS**  
 Brookline - India Trip 2017  
 ESTIMATED BUDGET -

Airlin� ticket - extension from Tanzania trip - \$250		
Hotels in Delhi and Agra		
	\$80 double occupancy	
	\$40/day (7 nights)	\$280
Food		
Breakfast	included in hotel	
Lunch	\$10 / day (x7)	\$ 70
Dinner	\$15 / day (x7)	\$105
Train Ride to and from Agra		\$ 40
Transportation Around Delhi		\$ 40
<u>Transportation Around Agra</u>		<u>\$ 15</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$800</u>

**PROPOSED TIMELINE**  
**APPLICATION & RECRUITMENT TIMELINE 2017**

April 2017	Receipt of Invitation from Pathfinder International Communicate with families of current Pathfinder interns to gauge interest
May 2017	Apply to School Committee, request approval, reserve plane tickets
June 2017	Students begin summer internship experience at Pathfinder International. \$800 deposit due.
August 2017	Travel to India.

### Student Guidelines and Contracts

Students participating in the Brookline High School Global Health trip to Tanzania will abide by Brookline High School rules and regulations as stated in the Handbook, as well as those enumerated in this document.

1. Students and parents/guardians will agree to and sign the rules explained in the STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT (see attached).
2. Students and parents/guardians will agree to and sign the information and rules explained in the HEALTH INFORMATION SHEET FOR FIELD TRIPS (see attached). Students on medication must be able to self-medicate or give early notification if a parent/guardian must accompany the trip.
3. Parents/guardians must agree to and sign the information explained in the PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM FOR INDIA TRIP (see attached).
4. Students must be in good academic standing to participate in the program.
5. Students must be aware of, and follow, airport and terminal procedures.
6. Students are responsible for their own spending money. The chaperones will be responsible for the group expenses.
7. Students are responsible for acquiring or renewing their own passports. They must make two copies of their passport and give them to Mr. Kahrl. Passports must be valid through February 28, 2018.
8. Students must present proof of relevant and required vaccinations.
9. Students must honor all deadlines and attend all student and parent/student meetings. If this is not possible, they must see Mr. Kahrl in advance to receive the information.
10. Students and parents are aware that each deposit for the trip and final payment is non-refundable once it is made as

In addition, the student and his/her parent are advised that School Committee and the Superintendent may cancel a trip at any time, including up to the day of departure, if that it deemed necessary for student safety.

I, (print student name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read the packet and agree to the information listed above.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, (print parent name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read the packet agree to the information above.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

## CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. I agree that while I am traveling with the Brookline High School Exchange Trip to Tanzania, I will not use or possess non-prescription drugs, tobacco or alcohol.
2. I agree to and will abide by the curfew. At the appointed time, I will go to my room and observe quiet. Bed checks will occur after curfew to ensure that the students are where they are supposed to be.
3. I agree to uphold all laws and regulations as dictated by local, State and Federal governments (i.e. under age drinking, assault, shoplifting, etc.). I agree to respect the property of others and to pay for any losses and/or damages for which I am found responsible.
4. I agree never to leave the hotel without permission from my chaperone. Should I be granted permission to leave, I will be accompanied by other members of my group and a chaperone.
5. I understand the responsibilities of traveling in a group and will respect meeting times and places.
6. I understand that I am under the direct responsibility and authority of the assigned chaperones, and I will follow and abide by any rules and/or decisions made by these persons.

I am signing this Contract, and hereby giving my word of honor that I will follow the above Code of Conduct while traveling in Delhi and Agra, India with Brookline High School from August 4, 2017 to August 12, 2017. As a representative of Brookline High School, I understand that my behavior is critical to the success of the trip and as a precedent for future exchanges. Any violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action (i.e. being sent back to the United States at my parent's expense, or being suspended from a performance or activity).

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above contract signed by my child.

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Health and Safety information

The health, safety, and security of Brookline students traveling to India is a priority. We understand that there is inherent risk in international travel and specifically travel to this part of the world. In order to mitigate risk and emphasize student safety we plan to implement the following procedures and guidelines.

### I. Health

- A. Prior to departure, students will be provided with information about the health risks pertinent to the region and information about staying healthy while abroad. Students will receive country-specific health guidelines, including required and recommended immunizations as specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- B. Chaperones, or BHS nurses, will conduct a comprehensive review of each student's medical and immunization history.
- C. All participants must be covered by health, accident, medical evacuation, and repatriation insurance (i.e. Travel Guard Assistance, AIG Travel Assistance, CISI Travel Insurance). This will be covered as part of the fee for the trip.
- D. The following health and safety protocols will be utilized in the event of an emergency.
  - 1) Students will follow the emergency action plan established prior to departure  
<http://www.studentsabroad.com/handbook/personal-emergency-action-plan.php>
  - 2) Student will carry an Student Emergency Information Card  
[http://www.studentsabroad.com/handbook/images/country\\_img/emergencycard.jpg](http://www.studentsabroad.com/handbook/images/country_img/emergencycard.jpg)
  - 3) In cases of serious health problems, injury, or other significant health and safety circumstances we will communicate with parents via email and, if necessary by cell phone.
- E. Local and regional medical resources (participants and their parents/guardians/families will be provided with information about the following services prior to departure):

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## II. Safety

-Safety is a global, national, regional, and local phenomenon - arrive at a balanced assessment that takes into account multiple sources. Identifying resources to assist in understanding the particular safety challenges in India (our partner organizations- CAC, Pathfinder).

-United States is no more immune to acts of crime or violence than other parts of the world. We will use many of the same precautions used in the U.S. as we travel overseas.

### Proposed Procedures and Protocols

-Students will be encouraged to register with the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). When registered, students will automatically receive information and updates from the State Department. Enrollment will also make it easier for U.S. officials to contact students or their families in the event of an emergency. STEP App is an app for the STEP program, which provides immediate access to your STEP account itineraries, as well as State Department country information and travel alerts.



-Provide health and safety information for prospective participants so that they and their parents/guardians/families can make informed decisions concerning preparation, participation, and behavior while on the program.

-Pre-departure orientation on issues related to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, cultural, and religious conditions in India - This briefing will be conducted by Ben Kahrl, Steph Hunt, and staff at Pathfinder International.

-Procedures around communication. Mr. Kahrl is in regular contact with designated BHS administrator Chaperones and BHS administrators possess numerous means for contacting each other, including 24-hour phone numbers and multiple email addresses. Students and parents are provided with 24-hour contact phone numbers for both Chaperones and designated BHS administrator. Procedures for enabling contact with students when necessary.

-U.S. government representatives abroad and local authorities are provided with information about our trip, chaperones, and students.

-Consider health and safety issues in evaluating the appropriateness of an individual's participation -

-Conduct inquiries regarding the potential health, safety, and security risks of the local environment of the program, including program-sponsored accommodation, events, excursions, and other activities, prior to departure. While abroad continuous monitoring of guidelines and travel advisories set by the U.S. Department of State regarding U.S. citizens. Chaperones will automatically receive Travel Warnings and Advisories from the Department of State overseas through the STEP App. Provide information about changes and advise participants and their parents/guardians/families as needed.

US State Department Travel Information: Travel advisories and Consular Information Sheets for US citizens traveling abroad.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/india.html>

US State Department Smart Traveller Enrollment Program (STEP): STEP is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

<https://step.state.gov/step/>



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without fear or boundary

April 10, 2017

Ben Kahl  
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Dear Ben,

We are delighted to extend an invitation to our Brookline High School interns to travel to India. We would like to give them the opportunity to see where our work at ground level: in the field, and to the last mile. We would be happy to host them at our offices in New Delhi for a one week visit at a time to be determined.

I look forward to working with you on the details of this trip.

Regards,

Lee Gelb  
VP, Human Resources



Nicole Gittens <nicole\_gittens@psbma.org>

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## Quick Question re: Trip to India

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Ben Kahrl <ben\_kahrl@psbma.org>

Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 10:32 AM

To: Nicole Gittens <nicole\_gittens@psbma.org>

No, they are not. Only four who have interned at Pathfinder were invited to continue.

All of us will travel out to Zanzibar together.

Joanne Burke-Hunter and Shelley Mains will return with students from Zanzibar. They will have Grace Hunter (Joanne's daughter), Brian Bechler, Ben Caplan, Henry Bulkeley, and Hector Cabrera with them.

Steph Hunt and myself will continue on with the other students.

We will have Ella Kahrl (my daughter), Sarah Conant (my niece), Maansi Patel, Hugh McKenzie, Isabella Ghafour, and Rebecca Downes with us.

At no time will students ever be traveling with fewer than two chaperones. During the entire experience in Zanzibar we will have four chaperones for the group.

Then the group will be split with two chaperones in each group.

Ben

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 9:39 AM, Nicole Gittens <nicole\_gittens@psbma.org> wrote:

Hi Ben,

I am just checking to make sure all of the students who are going to Zanzibar are continuing on to Delhi. Please advise.

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