

**ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**Meeting Date:** September 9, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM No.** 13-09-14

**ACTION: (Y/N)** N

**SUBJECT:** International Baccalaureate (IB) 2013 World Student Conference Presentation

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**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 2013 IB World Student Conference flyer  
2. PowerPoint

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**PURPOSE:** To provide the Board of Education for information, a report from the high school students who attended the 2013 IB World Conference.

**BACKGROUND:** This past June, 16 IB students from the Orange County Schools attended the 2013 IB World Student Conference. The World Conference was held in Winston- Salem, NC on the campus of Wake Forest University from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. The five day conference brought IB students from all over the world to explore ways to make our world a better place. The conference theme was: Social Justice: Contemplating the Past, Confronting the Future.

Several of the students that attended will provide the board a report on their experiences while attending the conference.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** District funding of \$9500.00 was provided for the 16 students to attend the conference. Private funding from the parent IB Parent Boosters also helped support some of the trip's expenses.

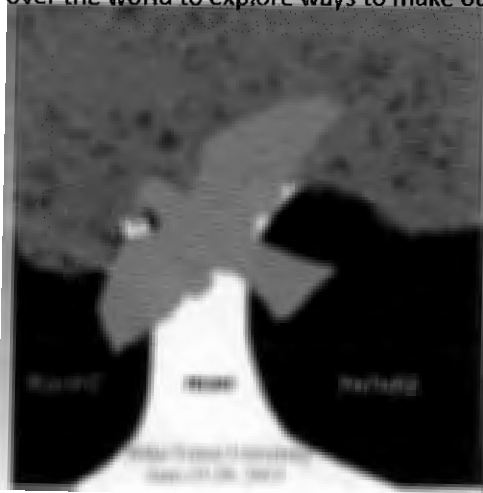
**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive for information the report on the high school students' experiences while attending the 2013 IB World Student Conference.

# 2013 IB World Student Conference

June 23 – 28, hosted by Wake Forest University

Sponsored by Wake Forest Dept of Communication, WFU Admissions, and IB Schools of NC

Wake Forest University is hosting one of three IB World Student Conferences this summer. This five day conference will bring together IB students from all over the world to explore ways to make our world a better, more peaceful place.



## CONFERENCE THEME:

### Social Justice: Contemplating the Past, Confronting the Future

- ❖ Conference participants will participate in interactive groups examining the following topics, all with a Social Justice lens:
  - **Education Opportunity**  
Investigate promises and realities of United Nations Millennium Goal #2, efforts to achieve universal primary education for all children worldwide.
  - **Health Care Access**  
Conduct a current and historical international media review of portrayals of Universal Health Care as a national issue.
  - **Historical Connections**  
Assume roles of historical figures that have played leading roles in extending social justice in an interactive cafe. Tour of International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC.
  - **Visual Arts & Social Change**  
Tour a virtual art gallery of works with social justice themes and analyze how social justice and art impact each other reciprocally.
  - **Justice System**  
Participate in the Innocence Project, using DNA evidence to attempt to exonerate dubiously convicted prisoners.
  
- ❖ 16 Orange County IB Juniors and Seniors are attending this year's conference!
- ❖ Orange Co. Schools will be providing \$9500 in scholarship money for students to participate! IB Parent Boosters also contributed \$1500 in registration funds!



## IB World Student Conference

June 23-29 2013

Wake Forest University

Winston-Salem, NC

### The Purpose of the Conference

- IB Diploma Students from around the world get to explore global issues-Social Justice is the focus this week
- Develop CAS projects with the Learner Outcomes as a guide
- Students have a chance to explore other cultural perspectives.
- During the week, students explore the local area via field trips and campus outings.
- 120 IB Students from 16 different countries

## 8 Learning Outcomes for CAS

- Increase awareness of their own strengths and areas for growth
- Undertake new challenges
- Planned and initiated activities
- Worked collaboratively with others
- Shown perseverance and commitment in their activities
- Engaged with issues of global importance
- Considered the ethical implications of their actions
- Developed new skills

## The Millennials



Dr. Rogan Kersh, Provost of Wake Forest University

Students attended a World Café hosted by Dr. Kersh and other WFU professors.

Students participated in 3 “short” conversations. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> table talk, the facilitators shared out students’ ideas on the topics discussed.

Dr. Kersh modeled an excellent strategy for interacting with students.

## The Millennials

- Most ethnically and racially diverse cohort of our nations youth in history
- Ages 13-29:
  - Hispanic 18.5%
  - Black 14.2%
  - Asian 4.3%
  - Mixed Race/other 3.2%
  - White 59.8% (a record low)
- Most politically progressive

## The Millennials

- They are Techy...this group has always had computers and cell phones in their lives. Facebook and Twitter are the norm for them.
- They are the LEAST religiously observant recorded
- They will be the most "School-educated" generation in American history
- They know a little about a great deal

## The Millennials

The Fear of many demographers is that we may lose Experts.



Thank You!

