

CHINA 2027

CAPSS-GUANGDONG Exchange

April 2027

Beijing – Xi'an – Guangzhou



We invite you to participate in a 12-day educational tour of China in April 2027, led by Paul K. Smith and Erin McGurk. This exchange program offers opportunities to visit significant historical sites in Beijing, the nation's capital, as well as Xi'an, the ancient capital, followed by visits and connections to educational programs in the Guangdong Province. The goal of the exchange is to establish both educational and political relations between our state's educational institutions and the strong educational programs in China.

Information available from Paul K. Smith – psmith@schoolworksconsulting.com **and Erin McGurk** – emcgurk@comcast.net.

Additional details will be provided soon. If you wish to receive updates (no commitment at this time required), please reach out via email to be added to the information list. Preliminary details are outlined below.

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| Day 1 | Hartford / New York JFK Flight to Beijing, China
Depart for Beijing from Hartford / New York City |
| Day 2 | Beijing
Arrive Beijing in the late afternoon
Hotel in Beijing |
| Day 3 | Beijing
Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Rickshaw Bike, Hutong Family Tour, Lama Temple
Jade Factory, Peking Duck Restaurant, Chinese Kong Fu Show
Hotel in Beijing |
| Day 4 | Beijing
Excursion to the Great Wall, Emperor's Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven
Pearl Factory, Tea Ceremony
Hotel in Beijing |
| Day 5 | Beijing to Xi'an via High Speed Train (4.5 hours)
Ming Dynasty City Wall of Xi'an, Wild Goose Pagoda
Hotel in Xi'an |

- Day 6 **Xi'an**
Excursion to world-renown Terracotta Warriors Museum
Hotel in Xi'an
- Day 7 **Xi'an**
Muslim Quarter, Grand Mosque of Xi'an, Old Town, Shaanxi Museum
Dumpling Banquet with Cultural Show
Hotel in Xi'an
- Day 8 **Xi'an to Guangzhou via Flight**
Introduction to Provincial Education Leaders
Canton Tower
Hotel in Guangzhou
- Day 9 **Guangzhou / Guangdong Province**
School Visits and Partnership Exchanges
Zhujiang New Town and Huacheng Square in Evening
Hotel in Guangzhou
- Day 10 **Guangzhou / Guangdong Province**
School Visits and Partnership Exchanges
Taikoo Hui and Pearl River Cruise in Evening
Hotel in Guangzhou
- Day 11 **Guangzhou / Guangdong Province**
School Visits and Partnership Exchanges
Partnership Closing Banquet in Evening
Hotel in Guangzhou
- Day 12 **Guangzhou to New York JFK**
Depart for Hartford, CT in the afternoon
Arrive Hartford in the late evening on the same day



Cost Estimate per Person: *Price will be confirmed in September 2026*

12-Day Tour \$5,000

All hotel rooms will be single occupancy

Participation is open to all Superintendents, retired Superintendents, Central Office Administrators, and School Administrators. Teachers with Superintendent permission are welcome.

Family members are also welcome. Children attending should be in high school or older.

Cost includes:

- Chinese visa fees (US \$140 per person)
- All meals and expenses during the duration of the trip
- Economy-class flights to Beijing and return from Guangzhou
- 4-star hotels based on single occupancy in with full breakfasts
- All China domestic train fares and flights as specified in the itinerary
- All entrance fees, private chartered buses, tips, and English-speaking tour guides

Individual extensions can be arranged including Hong Kong, Shanghai, or Singapore.

All arrangements for travel are through Sunlight Travel, Mr. Zhen Peng.