HOMESTAY EXPECTATIONS

for the

Sapporo Minami High School Band Guests – January 8 to 12, 2018

1. *School, Conductor and students*:

Sapporo Minami High School is located in the City of Sapporo which is the fifth largest city of Japan by population and the largest city on the northern Japan island of Hokkaido. Sapporo is the capital of Hokkaido Prefecture and hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics. The city is famous for the Sapporo Snow Festival which draws more than 2 million tourists from around the world.

Sapporo Minami High School was founded in 1895. Approximately 1,000 students from Grades 10-12attend the school which is operated by the Hokkaido Prefectural Board of Education.

This will be their first visit to North Vancouver and it is the second Japanese High School band that Seycove Secondary School host.

The conductor of the Band, Mr. Narumi Imai is a Music teacher at the school and has been the band director since 2008. The band participates in Japan’s Brass Band competitions and was recently awarded the Gold Standard in the Hokkaido Prefecture Competition. The band consists of 42 members from Grades 10 and 11. Grade 12 band members have resigned from the band club in order to focus on entrance exams for University. Approximately 40 members (30 girls and 10 boys from Grades 10 and 11) will participate in their 2018 North Vancouver music experience.

1. *Standard of Care*:

As is standard practice within the School District, all families who are hosting students from other schools and/or other countries must complete a Criminal Records Check through the local RCMP detachment. Insofar as this is a school project, there will be no cost for this and either Seycove or the School District will assist with the process.

This will be the first time that most of these students have travelled abroad and it is crucial that the students have a safe and pleasant experience. Host families must understand the responsibility to treat the guest students with the care and kindness that would be provided by a kind and responsible parent.

Each family will host at least two students who have a bedroom that offers privacy.

1. *Events that Host Families are required to attend*:
2. January 8: Welcome Reception at Seycove Secondary at 6:00 p.m.
3. January 10: Public Joint Concert at Capilano University Theatre at 7:00 p.m.
4. January 11: Farewell Dinner and Ceremony at Seycove Secondary at 6:00 p.m.
5. *Homestay requirements*:
6. Each morning and afternoon/evening you will be asked to please drop off and pick up your guest students at Seycove Secondary School (or another location in accordance with the group’s daily schedule).
7. You are also required to provide 3 meals each day except dinner on January 10 and 11 and lunch on January 11. Please prepare a packed (bag) lunch for the students each day.
8. Families are asked to please spend time with the students when they return home after their daily activities.
9. *Fee*:
10. Each Host Family will receive $240.00 when hosting 2 students. ($30.00 per student per night). The Host Family will receive $360.00 if hosting 3 students.

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Declaration of Understanding and Acceptance:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the expectations associated with serving as a Host family for students from the Sapporo Minami High School band that will be visiting North Vancouver from January 8 to January 12, 2018.

By signing this form, I am declaring my understanding and acceptance of my responsibilities as a Host Family as set out in this document.

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Host family parent signatures Date