



**PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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As an active community member, I'm sure you are interested in ways to improve the lives and education of our young people. I feel exactly the same way. It is for this reason that educators and community stakeholders decided to provide an opportunity for a group of students, an educational exchange program, to travel **to Kusatsu, Japan for 11 days October 23, 2017 to November 2, 2017**. The experiences they will have while traveling will serve as life-long lessons and will undoubtedly advance their perspective of themselves and their place in the world as global leaders in the 21st century.

Global educational travel is a key component of developing STEM global leaders. The opportunity to witness new cultures first hand and experience history, typically only learned in a textbook, is one that only enhances a student's enthusiasm for learning. Students will visit historical and educational sites in the Shiga Prefecture as well as stay in the home of Japanese hosts. Students will interact with Japanese students; learning their culture, language, history and connecting educationally in regards to the STEM programs.

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Your financial assistance is needed. Our collective goal is to raise **\$50,000.00 for the 10 Pontiac School District students who will be participating**. We greatly appreciate any contribution you are willing to make. Every \$25, \$50 or \$100 adds up! Join commitments made from other sponsors and business partners willing to support our students. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Pontiac Alumni Foundation**. Pontiac Alumni Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization and send to

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We deeply appreciate your assistance and thank you in advance for your help. I will contact you in a few days to follow up. Please feel free to contact me via brenda.carter@pontiacschools.org or at (248)521.9632.

Educationally Yours,

Judge Fred Mester

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