

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MIYAGI PREFECTURAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Name of the Program

2009 Delaware-Miyagi Educational Exchange Program (DMEEP)

2. Purpose

To promote international understanding and friendship between the State of Delaware and Miyagi Prefecture, particularly to promote mutual understanding among young people between the United States of America and Japan.

3. Participating Organizations

This program will be carried out by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) and the Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education (MPBE). This agreement will stipulate their joint cooperation and will be signed by the chief officers of the entities aforementioned.

4. Program Description

- a. Miyagi will send eight high school students and two high school teacher chaperones to Delaware for a ten day to two-week homestay and school visit in Delaware in mid-March 2009.
- b. The Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education will choose participating students and chaperones by the 28th of November 2008, and will inform the Delaware Department of Education immediately afterwards.
- c. Delaware will select eight high school students and two teacher chaperones in Delaware to host the Miyagi delegates. The students and chaperones chosen by Delaware will match the gender of the students and chaperones submitted by Miyagi.
- d. Delaware will send the eight participating high school students and two high school teacher chaperones to Miyagi for a ten day to two-week homestay and school visit in June or July 2009.
- e. The eight Miyagi participating high school students and two teacher chaperones will host Delaware delegates in Miyagi.
- f. The students will range in age from 15 to 17 years old.

5. Sources of the Program Expenditures

- a. The Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education will provide expenses for programs in

- Miyagi and be responsible for Miyagi participants' partial travel expenses.
- b. The Delaware Department of Education, under the funding support through a grant from the International Council of Delaware, will provide expenses for programs in Delaware and be responsible for Delaware participants' partial travel expenses.
 - c. The participating schools in Miyagi will be responsible for the expenses for the group activities held at their individual sites when hosting the participants from Delaware.
 - d. The participating school districts and schools in Delaware will be responsible for the expenses for the group activities held at their individual sites when hosting the participants from Miyagi.
 - e. There is no cost for accommodations during the homestay in Delaware and Miyagi. The host parents or host teachers will cover food and accommodations of the visitors they accept.
 - f. Participants must provide their own health, accident, and liability insurance and will waive any liability claims against the Delaware Department of Education, Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education, and any contractors under this agreement.

6. Cancellation of the Agreement

The Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education and the Delaware Department of Education may cancel the agreement by mutual consent should there be any unforeseeable situations that might endanger the safety of the participants from both sides.

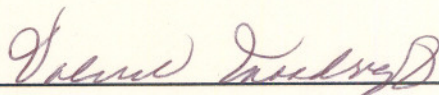
7. Program Implementation

The Delaware Department of Education and the Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education will implement this educational exchange program according to the terms and timetable agreed upon.

8. Annual Revision of Agreement Terms

The future programs will be developed and agreed upon on an annual basis.

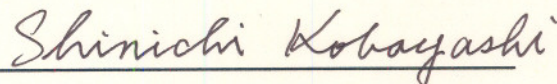
We, the undersigned agree to the content of this memorandum of agreement between the State of Delaware Department of Education, USA, and the Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education, Japan.



Valerie Woodruff, Secretary
Department of Education
State of Delaware, USA

Date

9/16/08



Shinichi Kobayashi, Superintendent
Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education
Miyagi Prefecture, Japan

Date

9 / 9 / 2008