



February 26, 2020

Dear Friend:

Student international exchanges and visits have grown extensively in the Manitowoc Public Schools. We are fortunate to have active sister school relationships with schools in France, Germany, and Spain. The educational impact of these opportunities multiplies exponentially as our society and economy evolves globally. These international educational experiences are only possible because of the generosity of our MPSD families.

We have the opportunity to host students and faculty from Logroño, Spain for 2 weeks in September 2020. We are currently looking for host families for a group of 24 high school students and 2 teachers. The Spanish students have been selected from I.E.S. Sagasta, our partner school in Spain. Our own MPSD students and 2 teachers will be hosted by faculty and students of this school in June 2021. If your son or daughter is interested in traveling to Spain in June 2021, please contact Jessica Swemke at Lincoln 663-9656 (swemkej@mpsd.k12.wi.us) for more information. You can also check out our website at <http://spanishlive2021.weebly.com> for more information about the Spanish Live study trip.

As a host family, we would ask you to treat your Spanish student as a member of the family, providing a room—whether shared or alone—meals and transportation to and from school and various activities. The Spanish student will accompany your student(s) to school and classes. We will provide various planned group excursions for the Spanish students during their stay and usually at least one family pot-luck evening activity. The weekends will be yours to plan. Past host families have enjoyed taking short excursions in the area to show the visiting student the great activities and sites of Wisconsin, but others have simply included the student in their normal family weekend activities to sporting and cultural events regionally.

We are looking for MPSD families who would be able to assist us as host families for the 24 students and 2 teachers who will be in Manitowoc September 8-23, 2020. Though next autumn may seem a long time from now, we are searching for families at this time so that the Spanish students and the MPSD families may correspond and truly get acquainted prior to their arrival in September.

Please discuss this as a family, contact us for additional information and then return a **Host Family Application** form by **March 20, 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We truly appreciate the generosity of our MPSD families.

Sincerely,

Jessica Swemke
Lincoln High Spanish Teacher