

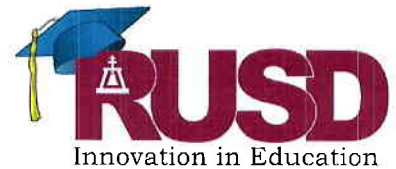


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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider your support of John W. North High School's award winning Blue Star Regiment with their rare opportunity to represent Riverside, California when they visit Jiangmen, China in April 2018. This trip is part of the continuing relationship and cultural exchange Riverside has with its sister city, Jiangmen. Jiangmen, a city in the Guangdong province of southern China, has a population of nearly five million people and has been Riverside's sister city since 1996. In addition to special musical performances with Jiangmen's school band, North students will stay in the homes of their Chinese hosts, attend classes at Jiangmen #1 High School and learn about the culture and history of the area. We need your help to make this possible. Upon return, the students will report on their learning not only in classrooms at North but they will also make a formal presentation to the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education.

John W. North High School is a diverse community of approximately 2,400 students of which 75% are identified as socially economically disadvantage students. Neither John W. North High nor the Riverside Unified School District can provide full funding for this trip. The cost per band member is \$2,435 and we are raising more than \$97,400.00 in scholarships for students who simply cannot afford this expense. To date, we have raised over \$35,000. However, we need your help. We hope you can make this trip possible by becoming a sponsor.

Your sponsorship will make a significant impact on the lives of the students and help make their dream come true. We hope that you will become a partner with the JW North Blue Star Regiment to make this trip a reality.

Donations can be sent to Dale Kinnear, Retired Principal at North. Checks should be made payable to the Blue Star Regiment Booster club, a nonprofit organization supported by the Riverside Unified School District.

Thank you for your consideration. You will make a positive difference in the development of these students as they serve as young ambassadors from Riverside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Nakamura", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Nakamura
Principal
John W. North High School