

Sister Cities Commission
Education Updates – Chafi Boubkir
June 9, 2025

Below is a summary of activities that Commissioners Chafi Boubkir and Tony Chamberlain have undertaken or collaborated on since the last report on May 8th, 2025.

- Commissioner Boubkir reached out to the Principals and Assistant Principals of Naperville Central High School (NCHS) and Naperville North High School (NNHS). NCHS Principal Ms. Jackie Thornton accepted and set up a meeting for June 5th.
- Commissioner Boubkir had a first meeting with District 203's Ms. Jacque Clermont, Director of Community Engagement, and a follow up meeting with District 204's Ms. Jeannie Dina, Assistant Director of Community Engagement. Both indicated interest to support an exchange student event if the school principals were on board. Ms. Clermont promised to be in touch with NCHS principal.
- Commissioners Boubkir and Chamberlain met with NCHS Principal, Ms. Jackie Thornton, on June 5th. Principal Thornton welcomed the idea of the exchange and raised logistical questions such as the date, where the students would reside, and the length of the trip.
- Principal Thornton suggested that a visit around October 24th would be good since there would be a football game that day and the visitors could attend.
- It was agreed that the trip would be about a week.
- The parties discussed the number of visitors. During the last trip, there were more than 30 participants. It was agreed that the number could be less than that given the short time to plan.
- The parties agreed to get some more information from Nitra HS Principal, Mr. Martin Chudik, and follow-up conversations will take place with NCHS Principal.

This was a positive development in the efforts to engage a Naperville high school for a potential student exchange visit. More discussions will take place in June and July, and we are hopeful a plan will be finalized.