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Dear Faculty,

On behalf of schools of the Global Education Benchmark Group (GEBG), I am pleased to announce that applications will soon be accepted for the faculty Global Education Benchmark Group Turkey trip. The GEBG is composed of independent schools with outstanding global education programs that work collaboratively and share best practices. The GEBG was created with input from the National Association of Independent Schools and the four founding schools: Lawrenceville School, Charlotte Country Day, Lakeside School, and Cape Henry Collegiate. Today, twenty schools make up the GEBG, and Hathaway Brown is a member of the executive committee.

At the GEBG’s meeting at Wilbraham and Monson, we decided that we would like to offer a collaborative trip to Turkey to explore one of the world’s most fascinating countries, share best practices, collaborate on designing lesson plans, and network within the Global Education Benchmark Group. Turkey’s influence in the region and the world will continue to grow, and its ties to the West and Muslim world put it in a particularly important position geopolitically. In addition, its history and culture is rich and rewarding. Having faculty members meet with academics, artists, and leaders is an important component of this.

I encourage you to review the itinerary and pre-trip requirements and commitments carefully. As you will see from the itinerary and the accompanying information, this trip is a unique opportunity for you to experience one of the most dynamic and culturally rich countries on earth. The group will depart on 10 June and arrive back in the States on 24 June. The cost of this trip will be fully covered through the generous support of the Barry Fund for Faculty International Travel.

I am pleased that you are interested in this collaborative trip to Turkey; it is a unique opportunity and will be a life-transforming experience. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

W. Joseph Vogel
Director of the Center for Global Citizenship