



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Santa Teresa Ikastetxea & M.U.R.S.D

Santa Teresa Ikastetxea in San Sebastian, SPAIN (Paseo de Manuel de Lardizabal, 25, 20018 Donostia GIPUZKOA, SPAIN) Mendon-Upton Regional School District in Massachusetts, USA, (150 North Ave. Mendon, MA 01756) hereby agree to become sister schools in order to develop friendship and cooperation between our two schools and promote mutual understanding and cultural awareness between the two countries and schools involved.

SISTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GOALS

- To strengthen relationships, understanding and appreciation between people in Spain and people in Massachusetts. (USA)
- To increase cultural awareness and respect for each other's cultures.
- To support the teaching of English language in San Sebastián and the Spanish language in Massachusetts and to continue to teach the languages in their respective schools.
- To develop ties of friendship through regular communication.
- To build an international perspective within the school.
- To develop students into citizens who are globally engaged, comfortable with diversity and with the skills to operate effectively across cultures with different world views and belief systems.

SISTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Exchange of teaching resources, course materials and teaching strategies.
- Communication among students at both schools through emails, letters, photos, student newspapers, etc. to promote mutual understanding.
- Both schools will endeavor to maintain student, teacher and administrator exchange programs to provide the opportunity to study, work and live in the sister school community.



- Organizing pilot classes or groups of students in both countries to collaborate in curriculum areas such as English, History, Geography etc. through ICT-mediated communication.
- Starting an E Pen Pals Sister School Club.
- Use the above-mentioned ICT mediated communication (Skype, and Flipgrid) to enable students to post work, display and discuss their work and communicate live with students from their sister school.
- Provide video conferencing facilities, to use for the development of electronically supported relationships between both schools.
- The exchange of teachers and students for short term visits to share ideas and experiences to improve both Spanish and English languages.

Santa Teresa School and Mendon-Upton Regional School District will review this agreement every year to determine future directions.

This letter of intent comes into force upon the signing of this document.

Socorro Galarregui

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