

Dear Friends of NCCS,

The society we live in today is very much a global one. Political, economic and cultural occurrences around the world directly affect the lives of the people in our community. As a school district we should make every effort to expose our students to as much cultural diversity and understanding as possible. While this is not an easy thing to do in a homogeneous society like Clinton County, foreign exchange students do make it possible.

This year NCCS High School has had the honor of hosting foreign exchange students from Morocco and France. These students live with host families in the community. Their attendance at the school has added a great deal to the cultural awareness of our NCCS students. The experience has also been very beneficial to the host families who have welcomed these young ladies into their homes. Cultures have been shared and life long relationships have been built.

It is my desire to build on the success of this year's student exchanges. The more foreign students we can add to our enrollment next year, the more our students and our community will benefit.

There is no shortage of foreign students interested in visiting the North Country, but there is a shortage of families willing to host them. Please consider becoming a host family. Having a student from another country living with you in your home will be a great experience for you and your family.

If you are interested in learning more about hosting a foreign student, please check out one of the following websites: www.cci-exchange.com or www.pax.org. Alternatively, you may call me at 298-8638 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Regards,

Stephen Gratto – NCCS High School Principal