

# GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Updated 3/1/17

## Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted

Proposed Effective Date:  
3/31/20 and TBD

Grade(s) impacted:  
7

Name:  
Lisa Montana

Position/Item

Submitted By:  
Lisa Montana  
LaVonya Mitchell

Building: GIS

Proposed cost/amount:

Funded through:  
National Geographic  
and Lindblad  
Expeditions

Hours/Days per week:

N/A

TBD – up to 2 weeks

Benefits: Y or **N**  
(circle one)

Is candidate currently employed by District:

No  Yes  
(if yes, what position) 7<sup>th</sup> grade science  
teacher

Is candidate a former employee:  N/A  No  Yes

If yes, part time of **full time** (circle one)

Check references/review district personnel file?  
 N/A  No  Yes

**Board Action Requested:** Permission to participate in the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship (pending acceptance) which is an extended professional development opportunity for K-12 educators which includes traveling as part of a Lindblad research expedition voyage.

**Details and ramifications:** ( please see attached, in addition) Teacher Fellows are asked to join an expedition (a list of potential departure dates is attached) with the purpose of transferring the onboard experience into new ways of teaching students and bringing geographic awareness into the classroom. The end result ideally would be students who feel empowered and knowledgeable about the interconnectedness of the human and natural world. Fellows also take on a leadership role in the National Geographic educator community. Extended PD could be up to 2 weeks out of the classroom (exact dates TBD after acceptance)

**Positives:** This fellowship opportunity is designed to give teachers the empowerment to increase student geographic awareness and become leaders in the National Geographic educator community.

**Concerns:** lack of precedent for a professional development opportunity of this nature, cost of substitute coverage during expedition (time frame is anywhere from 4 days to 2 weeks)

**Other Comments:**

Any additional information needed, please contact Lisa Montana ([lmontana@gpsd.us](mailto:lmontana@gpsd.us))

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Board Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: Y or N Index #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sochor, Danielle

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**From:** Montana, Lisa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:12 PM  
**To:** Sochor, Danielle  
**Subject:** Grosvenor Fellowship

Danielle, here are some notes on the benefits of this fellowship, for me, for the students and for the district. In addition, this would be an approximately 10 day ,extended professional development opportunity which could occur during the school year if I am selected.

- Benefits to the students: Teacher Fellows bring new geographic awareness into their learning environments and communities, have opportunities to show students the interconnectedness of the world, I envision being able to skype (or at the very least show them video) with students from a remote part of the world, sharing my experience with the district (maybe former students of mine that are at the HS), incorporating lessons into a unit on human impacts (which is a requirement of the program)
- Benefits to the district: National Geographic requires you to make a 2 year commitment to being a leader in the educator community, so I might be asked to conduct webinars, mentor teachers and hold professional development opportunities with colleagues from around the world

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Dear Glassboro Board of Education and Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request permission to accept a Grosvenor Fellowship in advance of my application submission and possible admittance. This is an extremely competitive program which is an extended professional development opportunity for K-12 educators that includes traveling as part of a Lindblad research expedition voyage.

Teacher Fellows are asked to join an expedition (a list of potential departure dates is attached) with the purpose of transferring the onboard experience into new ways of teaching students and bringing geographic awareness into the classroom. The end result ideally, would be students who feel empowered and knowledgeable about the interconnectedness of the human and natural world. Fellows also take on a leadership role in the National Geographic educator community. Extended PD could be up to 2 weeks out of the classroom (exact dates TBD after acceptance). More details available at the expedition website: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/professional-development/grosvenor-teacher-fellows/>

In addition to the potential departure dates below, fellows are asked to attend a pre-expedition workshop in Washington, D.C., March 31, 2020-April 5, 2020. Expenses and substitute coverage for the pre-expedition workshop are reimbursed through National Geographic Society. Reimbursement for the expedition is not provided.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Because this is a very competitive program, applicants are asked to receive permission to be out of the classroom prior to application submission. Thank you for your review and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Montana  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher  
Glassboro Intermediate School

**Potential Expedition Departure Dates**

a. 5/02/2020 - 5/17/2020  
b. 5/4/2020 - 5/17/2020  
c. 5/10/2020 - 5/23/2020  
d. 5/16/2020 - 5/21/2020  
e. 5/16/2020 - 5/27/2020  
f. 5/26/2020 - 6/9/2020  
g. 6/8/2020 - 6/21/2020  
h. 6/20/2020 - 6/30/2020  
i. 7/16/2020 - 7/26/2020  
j. 7/25/2020 - 8/4/2020

j. 8/6/2020 - 8/23/2020  
k. 8/20/2020 - 9/5/2020  
l. 8/21/2020 - 8/30/2020  
m. 8/28/2020 - 9/6/2020  
n. 8/29/2020 - 9/3/2020  
o. 8/30/2020 - 9/4/2020  
p. 9/4/2020 - 9/13/2020  
q. 9/5/2020 - 9/13/2020  
r. 9/13/2020 - 9/21/2020  
s. 10/24/2020 - 10/31/2020

t. 10/24/2020 - 11/11/2020  
u. 11/8/2020 - 11/21/2020  
v. 11/9/2020 - 11/14/2020  
w. 11/18/2020 - 12/1/2020  
x. 11/20/2020 - 11/29/2020  
y. 11/28/2020 - 12/11/2020  
z. 12/4/2020 - 12/13/2020  
aa. 12/6/2020 - 12/13/2020  
bb. 12/8/2020 - 12/21/2020  
cc. 12/11/2020 - 12/20/2020