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Dear Administrators & Teachers,

Duluth Sister Cities International will be sending a student delegation to its sister city of Ohara-Isumi City, Japan. This is a rewarding, life changing experience and we are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to the youth of our community!

We are now recruiting student delegates, ages 13-15, for the 2010 delegation. The Student Delegation will be traveling to Japan August 7-16, 2010. The students will be accompanied by chaperones and will spend 10 days in Japan with host families in the Ohara-Isumi City community.

Please see the attached application form. Interested students should submit the application to the DSCI office by Monday, March 1, 2010. The application is also available at the Duluth Sister Cities website ([duluthmnsistercities.org](http://duluthmnsistercities.org)). Once students are selected, they will meet periodically to learn about Japan, get to know each other and plan for the trip. The approximate cost of the trip is \$2500. The student group is encouraged to fundraise to help offset the costs of the trip.

For more specific information on the trip, please go to our website, under Ohara-Isumi City "general information packet". Please contact me at 727-8375 or email me at [melissa.kadlec@duluthmnsistercities.org](mailto:melissa.kadlec@duluthmnsistercities.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Kadlec".

Melissa Kadlec  
Executive Director  
Duluth Sister Cities International