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International Guests Visit Middle School - South

HARRISON TWP., Mich. – Students and staff at L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South welcomed a group of German educators on Thursday, October 15, for an opportunity to share educational experiences, explore cultural differences, and build international connections. The visit was coordinated in partnership with Atlantik-Brücke, a German nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening German-American understanding and cooperation.

Middle School – South teacher Kyle Youngblood, who has participated in Atlantik-Brücke's teacher programs, helped coordinate the visit. Students from the school's National Junior Honor Society served as guides, leading tours and providing the visiting educators with opportunities to observe classrooms, interact with students and staff, and learn more about the American education system.

This marks the second consecutive year that representatives from Atlantik-Brücke have visited Middle School – South. While last year's visit included professionals from various fields through the organization's New Bridge Program, this year's group consisted entirely of German educators, providing an opportunity for more focused conversations about teaching, learning, and student experiences in both countries.

“Having the Atlantik-Brücke teachers visit South was a really exciting opportunity for our students,” said Youngblood. “I think opportunities like this make the world feel a little smaller for our students and help them realize how much we can learn from each other.”

Beyond the classroom observations, the visit provided Middle School – South students with an opportunity to share their own educational experiences while learning about schools, culture, and everyday life in Germany. The experience reflects the value of connecting students with people from different backgrounds and providing opportunities to develop a broader understanding of the world beyond their own community.

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