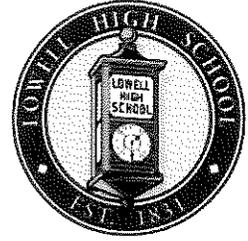




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Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
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Re: **MASC Annual Conference**

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I am requesting permission for eleven Student Council Representatives as well as Student Council Advisor, Tom Thornton to take part in the 2020 Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop on March 4 – 6, 2020 to be held at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is a unique opportunity for each student to meet with students from other Student Councils across Massachusetts and hear about the concerns and the activities of teenagers statewide.

The three days will be filled with exciting workshops and assemblies designed to build leadership and community spirit among the participants. Their teachers and housemasters will be informed as to the excused absences from school. This conference will address many of the Educational Standards within Social Studies including the following:

- *USG.5.3 Describe how citizens can monitor and influence local, state, and national government as individuals and members of interest groups.*
- *USG.5.5 Identify and explain the meaning and importance of civic dispositions or virtues that contribute to the preservation and improvement of civil society and government.*
- *USG.5.10 Practice civic skills and dispositions by participating in activities such as simulated public hearings, mock trials, and debates.*
- *E.4.1 Explain how government responds to perceived social needs by providing public goods and services.*

Student Council Advisor, Thomas Thornton will be with the students for the entire conference; a coach bus will be hired for transportation, and they will be returning to Lowell High School on Friday, March 9th by the close of the school day.

This will be an all expense paid trip through the fundraising efforts of the students and the generosity of the Office of Student Affairs & Activities at Lowell High School. The cost for the trip is \$4,103 of which \$2,000 will be contributed from the Lowell High Student Activities budget. No substitute needed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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