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Dr. Joel Boyd
Superintendent of Lowell Public Schools

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Henry J. Mroz Central Administration Office
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Dear Superintendent Boyd,

The 8th grade students at the Dr. An Wang Middle School would like permission to travel to Washington D.C through Capital Tours, Inc. The trip will take place at the conclusion of the 2020 MCAS. The trip will take place Tuesday, May 26, 2020 through Friday, May 29, 2020. The trip is all inclusive and costs \$742.00 per student (see attached itinerary). Fundraising activities will be held throughout the school year to defray the cost of the trip for all participating students. This trip is at no cost to the Lowell School Department or the City of Lowell. Attached please find the parent letter, proposed itinerary, and the optional trip cancellation insurance.

There will be a minimum of 30 students who travel to Washington, D.C along with three chaperones who at this time include: Kathy Clark, Social Studies Teacher, Matthew Palmer, Social Studies Teacher, Alison Kuzara, Social Studies Teacher and. Naturally, if more than 30 students participate in this opportunity, additional staff chaperones will attend. There is no fee for chaperones and substitutes will not be needed in teachers' absence from school.

Although students will be missing 4 days of school, the trip to Washington, D.C. will enhance their understanding of multiple standards identified in the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Frameworks, U.S. History Learning Standards, most especially: **USI.11** Describe the purpose and functions of government. **USI.13** Explain why the United States government is classified as a democratic government. **USI.14** Explain the characteristics of American democracy, including the concepts of popular sovereignty and constitutional government, which includes representative institutions, Federalism, separation of powers, shared powers, checks and balances, and individual rights. **USI.15** Explain the varying roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments in the United States.

For those students who are unable to attend due to the cost of the trip, alternative activities are being planned back home in Massachusetts, i.e., State House and Freedom Trail, Lexington and Concord.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Stahl
Principal

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