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Mr. Liam Skinner, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Re: **MASC Annual Conference**

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am requesting permission for 12 Student Council Representatives as well as Student Council Advisor, Tom Thornton to take part in the 2025 Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop on March 4-6, 2026 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 the 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 bus will be hired for transportation, and they will be returning to Lowell High School on Friday, March 6th 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 \$5,010 of which \$3,000 will be contributed from the Lowell High Student Activities budget.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.


Sincerely,

Michael Fiato
Head of Lowell High School

REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DAY(S) TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/FIELD TRIP/ACTIVITY

ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING
(6 WEEKS IF SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL IS NEEDED)

~Please fill out all provided fields to avoid any delays of the approval process~

REMIT TO: CURRICULUM OFFICE

Name of Staff Member: Thomas Thornton		PF Number: PF
School: LHS	Grade Level: 9-12	Subject: Student Activities
Workshop Title: 2026 Mass Association of Student Council		
Organization/Department Presenting Workshop: Mass Student Council		
Cost: 3000	Date(s) of Workshop: from: 3/4/2026 to: 3/6/2026	
Substitute Coverage Needed? No If Para is to serve as the coverage, indicate Para's name here:		
In State ** Letter to the Superintendent of Out of State/Overnight attached **		

Signature of Applicant: <i>Thomas Thornton</i>	Date: 1/14/2026
Signature of Approval by Principal: <i>Thomas Thornton</i>	Date: 1/14/2026

****Please provide source of funding, account number and/or grant name, and number for workshop and substitute****

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Initials of Approval Department</u>
Title I School	na	na	TT
Title I District			
Individual School Fund #			
Professional Development District			
SPED			
Other Grants/Programs (Provide Grant/Program Name & No.#)			

Signature of Central Administrator: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date:
Sub Reserved:	Date:
Request Denied by:	Date:

*A letter to the Superintendent for all out-of-state or overnight activities is required at the time the Lilac Form is submitted and the "completed package" is to be sent to the Lowell Teacher Academy for processing.