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Mrs. Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
155 Merrimack Street
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Re: Seminar in American Diversity

Dear Superintendent Durkin:

I would like permission for Jessica Lander, Patricia Williams and Stephen Gervais all LHS staff members to travel with 29 honor students to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. Ms. Lander was provided with a \$20,000 private education grant, who wish to remain anonymous. There will be no cost to the School Department or Lowell High School in connection with this trip.

They will travel on Friday, January 4th leaving Lowell High by bus to Boston, Logan Airport at 1 p.m. and returning to Lowell High School on Sunday evening January 6th. Students will miss 2 periods on Friday and no substitutes will be required.

Students will visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the National Museum for Peace and Justice and related museums connected to the civil rights movement in Montgomery. Students will participate in reflective workshop as part of the Seminar in American Diversity and also created in collaboration with the national organization Facing History and Ourselves. The work to be done on this trip will feed into the final project of the class, which will culminate in a published book of student essays and a public performance and presentation in January.

Teachers will be working with Facing History to create the curriculum and will be meeting with representative from the Equal Justice Initiative.

- All cost, flights, hotels, transportation and food will be paid by this grant. Costs will break out at approximately:
 - Flights - \$11,000
 - Hotel - \$5000
 - Transportation - \$1000
 - Food \$1000 / \$2000

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

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