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Re: Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop

I would like to request permission for 12 Student Council Representatives as well as Student Council Advisor, Tom Thornton to take part in the 2019 Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop on Wednesday, March 6 – Friday, March 8, 2019 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. Student Council Advisor, Tom 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 8th by the close of the school day. Students will miss 3 days of school. No substitutes will be needed and all expenses will be paid through the Office of Student Activities at Lowell High School funds not to exceed \$3000.00.

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:

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

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Head of Lowell High School

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