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ISD #763

TO: Medford Board of Education

FROM: Theresa Buendorf & Tanya Powers

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RE: Close Up Trip to Washington DC in 2016

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1. Tentative Dates- April 10-16 (Sunday-Friday)
  - a. This could change if the school calendar is changed to starting before Labor Day
2. Fundraising
  - a. Getting approved early would allow us to start right away
  - b. The person we will be working with at Close Up also will be giving us ideas
3. Close Up –Aligns Minnesota Social Studies Standards
  - a. In your packet is the alignment for the MN State Standards
4. Close Up Website: [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org)
5. Teacher's Reimbursement
  - a. For every 10 students the teacher goes for free, but if we have over ten students then another teacher will have to attend. If we do not get 20 students then the 2nd teacher would have to pay whatever is not covered. We would like the school to cover whatever is not covered for the cost of the trip.
  - b. We would also like the school to cover any food expenses that are not covered by the trip which would not be many since the program covers all meals that are in Washington DC.
6. College Credit
  - a. The students can receive college credit for completing the program and then writing the assigned papers through American University in Washington DC. There is a fee associated with this, but it is an option for students.
7. Open to this year's 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - a. Our plan is to have the trip open to all of this year's 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, with them being in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades next year when we would go.
  - b. Our hope is that we can go every other year so that all students will have the option when they are juniors for seniors.



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8. Cost
  - a. It will depend on which week we pick, but if we go on our tentative date it would cost around \$1,750-\$1,950
  - b. This figure includes everything once we get to Washington DC, meaning only the meals to and from the trip would not be included, and any souvenirs
9. Students Interested
  - a. After talking to the current 10 & 11 graders, we have 56 students that are seriously interested in the trip.