

TO: Dr. Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education Members

FROM: Jeffrey Kenas

RE: Middle School Washington DC Trip - Final Approval

DATE: April 24th, 2026

With overwhelming parent and student responses since the initial meeting, as well as careful planning to ensure a safe and educational trip for students and staff, we are asking for final approval for the optional end-of-year trip where 8th grade students, accompanied by middle school staff, will travel to Washington, D.C. in June, 2026.

This trip will allow students the opportunity to visit places of historical significance in Washington D.C., New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, accompanied and supervised by WCSD middle school staff. Students who have been on this trip in prior years have shared with staff their appreciation for the experience and the learning that occurred. I support this trip and I ask for your support of Mr. LaFlash and the social studies department in going forward to finalize plans.

Once this trip receives your final approval, Mr. LaFlash will communicate any additional details with families in preparation for the trip this summer. Mr. LaFlash possesses experience leading trips of this nature and I have complete confidence in his abilities, and those of his colleagues, to lead our students on a trip that is safe, educational, and will result in lasting memories.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. LaFlash with questions related to this request.

cc: Mr. LaFlash