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RE: National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regards to our request to attend the NCSS conference in Atlanta, GE on Nov. 12-15. To sufficiently cover the vast amount of opportunities that this conference offers we would like to travel on Nov. 10 which would leave Nov. 11 open as a day to explore this remarkable city. We are excited about the opportunity to visit the birthplace of the civil rights movement and see first hand the Civil War from the Southern perspective among other cultural sites that Georgia has to offer. These topics and more are covered in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade US History curriculum and World Geography in the United States and Canada unit. This along with the three day conference will bring valuable content information in the form of photos, personal stories, and other memorabilia that will only improve instruction across our curriculum for our students.

Thurs. begins intensive preconference sessions and an evening with guest speaker Representative John Lewis. Friday and Saturday at the conference top social studies professionals from across the United States and around the world come together to explore standards-based resources, emerging research, changing technologies, and classroom ready activities. The more than 500 sessions, clinics, and speakers in history, economics, civics, geography and social sciences will build our content knowledge and keep us abreast of current topics and trends in social studies education.

Thank you for understanding why attending this conference would be tremendous benefit to us and our students.

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