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To: Dr. Mark Larson and the Mahtomedi School Board

From: Dr. Mike Neubeck

RE: 2016 Washington DC Trip for 8th Grade Students

On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Mahtomedi Middle School will once again be going to Washington DC. This trip has occurred for more than 15 years. Students sign up through a travel company called World Strides and many of our staff attend as chaperones. World Strides arranges all of the travel and lodging, the site seeing tours, the food, and the hotel supervision. This year we have 140 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending with 9 middle school staff attending. Parents also have the opportunity to sign up through World Strides and attend with their child. The parents attend all the events with the students, stay in their separate rooms away from the students, and are not used in an official chaperoning capacity.

The trip begins on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> as we leave Mahtomedi Middle School at 4:00AM for the airport. Our students will return to the middle school On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> around 10:30PM. I will be attending the trip as well this year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Neubeck, Principal