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October 22, 2009

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents:

It's time to begin planning for our annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Gettysburg, PA and Washington DC! The trip will take place May 18-21, 2010. We have received an itinerary and a quote from First Choice Educational Tours LTD and we want to let you know the details. We are also asking you to make an initial commitment to the trip so we can move ahead with our plans. There will be an opportunity for each student to raise money to defray her/his expense. However, parents should be prepared to pay the majority of the cost. If you intend to send your child please sign the letter and return it to SOTA by Monday, November 9, 2009.

- The cost per student will be \$470.00
- An additional \$30 will be required for 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- On Day 1 we will stop in Gettysburg, PA on the way to Washington, DC
- On Day 2-4 we will see a variety of sites in DC including the following:
  - Arlington National Cemetery
  - Vietnam Memorial
  - National Archives
  - Capitol Building
  - Smithsonian Museums
  - Ford's Theater
- We will be staying in a hotel in Baltimore
- There will be 4 students per room

**Please send along your non-refundable \$100 deposit made payable to SOTA by November 16.** The remaining payments will be expected on December 15, February 15, and March 15. Students receiving a referral or a suspension any time after 10/1/09 will be removed from the trip roster. No money will be refunded after March 15, 2010 – even if your child is unable to attend. There will be an initial meeting for students later this month. We will hold a parent meeting in November.

For the SOTA DC Team,  
Randall Laird  
Nija Branca

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Yes! I intend to finance the cost of my child's participation in the 2010 DC trip and I will send my non-refundable \$100 deposit by November 15, 2009.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
E mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_