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MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN PHELAN, SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: MICHAEL E. MCALLISTER, PRINCIPAL
SUBJECT: OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP: WASHINGTON D.C. (GRADE 8)
DATE: 5/8/2018
CC: J. DARIAS, T. LEWIS, L. DYER

I write formally request your permission to allow our Grade 8 students to travel to Washington D.C. on their annual culminating field trip.

Dates: Tuesday, June 4 – Friday, June 7, 2019. This is the first full week in June.

Organization: Carousel Student Tours will provide the appropriate level of trip support for Chenery. This is a new company we're using for the 2019 DC Trip. The company, based in Pocasset MA, in operation for over 25 years will provide our students with tremendous logistical support as well as on-site and on-call safety support.

Cost per student: \$969 (Regular Rate). This is a decrease from the original 2018 rate of \$998. This price includes transportation, hotel, meals, entrance fees, and Carousel course leaders.

Travel: Students will travel to and from CMS as well as to and from D.C. locations and sites on coach buses and airplane hired through Carousel Student Tours.

Participation rate: 315 students are registered for the 2018 trip / 91%. In 2017, 304 students participated, totaling 93% of the student body.

Resources for students who need financial assistance: Fundraisers, grants, and donations. The annual "Chenery Talent Show" is our primary fundraiser. It will be held on Thursday, 12/13/2018. Finally, we receive several grants from Belmont Against Racism (\$1,500), the Chenery Middle School PTO (\$4,000), the Foundation for Belmont Education (\$5,000), Spring Photo Fundraiser, and family donations (variable year to year) to help offset the cost of the trip. No students who present financial need have been denied this opportunity.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael E. McAllister

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