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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

During your child's 8th grade year, he/she will reach many milestones and create many memories. One of the most anticipated events of the school year for the 8th grade is the field trip to Washington, DC. The trip is scheduled for March 31, 2010 and April 1, 2010. This field trip is the culminating activity for the 8th grade students, which brings the social studies curriculum to life.

Our goal is to take all students that consistently exhibit respectful and responsible behavior choices during the school year. In years past, students who did not meet the eligibility standards to attend the trip for discipline reasons were removed two days prior to the trip. This process was difficult for all the participants involved. Our goal at WAMS is to get students to understand why a behavior is inappropriate and change the way they behave for the long term.

This year we will be creating a positive behavior plan to support those students who meet the 12 discipline point maximum as described in the discipline code. Students who reach the 12-point limit will be required to go through the following process in order to potentially earn back the privilege to attend the Washington, DC Trip. This process for 8th grade students will bridge the home and school and unite us in a common goal.

1. Any 8th grade student who earns 10 discipline points will be notified in writing that his/her deposit for the Washington, DC trip will be refunded immediately when he/she reaches 12 discipline points regardless of the infraction. Students will also lose and/or void their selected room assignment placement.
2. The student who earns 12 discipline points will be required to attend a meeting with his/her parents, an administrator, and/or guidance counselor/teacher representative. The purpose of this meeting will be to create a behavior modification plan that will clearly outline behavioral goals and expectations for this student.
3. Students will meet with Mr. Ciempola/Ms. Kamenir weekly to review their behavior modification plan results and goals and a summary will be sent to their parents.
4. Students who meet their positive behavior plan goals will regain eligibility to participate in the Washington, DC trip, pending a review meeting with Mr. Ciempola, Ms. Kamenir, the student's parents and Mrs. Hudock. At the review meeting, clear expectations will be outlined for the student regarding their behavior at school until the Washington, DC trip.
5. At any point, administration reserves the right to remove a student from the field trip.
6. As students mature, their behavior is expected to improve. Students who choose to make poor choices as the trip gets closer risk not having enough time to earn the privilege of joining their classmates on the trip to Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Hudock
Principal