Dear Seventh Grade Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited to begin the planning for next year’s eighth grade Washington D. C. trip. This event takes a year to plan and organize. We are looking for your input now to help us for next year! The preliminary itinerary includes all of the major Washington D.C. sites, the White House, U.S. Capitol, Arlington Cemetery, Holocaust Museum Smithsonian Museum and memorials to our country’s leaders, FDR, MLK, and Lincoln. This is a great opportunity for our students to see their curriculum come alive!

The trip travels by coach bus and is chaperoned by staff from Derby Middle School. It is a three day, two night trip. The hotel is close to Washington D. C. for easy access and is monitored by a paid security guard at night. Students that have taken advantage of past trips still have great memories of their learning experience.

In order to determine a final cost for the trip we need to have a count of interested students. The trip is slated to cost somewhere between $500 and $600. While this price may seem intimidating it covers all costs for the students during the trip. In addition there are several fundraising opportunities to take advantage of prior to going on the trip. In fact some students have paid all or most of the trip through these activities!

But we need your help; please let us know if this will be a possibility for your student.

**NO MONEY IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME!**

Please return just the bottom portion of this letter by **May 19th**, keep the upper portion for your reference.

Check the appropriate box  □ YES! My child is interested in the trip  □ No my child is not interested

Student’s Name ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name and email ________________________________

For any questions or comments please contact Mrs. Kelly Anroman at kanroman@derbyps.org

*Attending all field trips or extra-curricular activities is a privilege. Per administrator’s guidelines, any student who is failing one or more classes for the school year may not be eligible to participate in such activities. A student’s discipline record and/or inappropriate behavior may also lead to exclusion from such activities.*