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Dear Weston High School Parent/Guardian:

Get excited! During June Academy WHS is participating in a dynamic, hands-on, civic education program for students in Washington, DC! As educators, we are always looking for new and interesting ways to provide extra challenges and opportunities to enhance your students' educational experience. We strongly believe that Close Up does just that and will provide a learning experience of a lifetime!

With over 40 years of experience, Close Up is the nation's largest non-profit and non-partisan citizenship education organization; and they are driven by a mission to help students become more effective and informed citizens. Their lesson plans complement various curriculum that courses at WHS focus on throughout the school year, and Close Up's interactive teaching methods inspire and empower students.

While in Washington, DC, on Close Up, your student will have the opportunity to live and learn with peers from around the country while engaging in seminars with policymakers and explorations of historical sites and government offices. This 6-day program prepares young citizens to meet the challenges of governing themselves and their nation through:

- Discussions of key domestic and international issues with members of Congress and their staff, Washington insiders, and other leading policy experts;
- Comprehensive study visits to the significant historical sites and cultural neighborhoods of our nation's capital;
- Daily small-group workshops that encourage students to connect what they see in DC with what they are learning in the classroom back home; and
- Self-directed time with their teachers to explore the nation's capital!

With this letter we have included a Close Up Program Sign-Up Sheet for your review. To learn more about the trip contact us at cochranm@weston.org. To learn more about Close Up, please visit www.CloseUp.org.

Mr. Cochran has done the Close Up trip with Weston students five times in the past and Mr. Benson has extensive experience traveling with students, most recently to China in 2018. We look forward to working with you to provide this incredible opportunity to your students during June Academy!

Sincerely,

Monny Cochran and Don Benson
History Teachers at Weston High School