



January 15, 2026

Dear Community Member,

The twenty-six students of Boonsboro High School's *We the People* are participating in a competition known as "*We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution*." The students are divided into six units, each dealing with different parts of the Constitution. Every unit must write a statement pertaining to a broad question about the Constitution. After reading the statement they are then questioned by judges with such professions as teachers, judges, political science professors, and state legislators. On December 15, 2025 Boonsboro High School won the Maryland State Competition for the eleventh consecutive year. We have now advanced to the National Finals in April.

In addition to competing, this trip also gives students the opportunity to explore Washington D.C. Students become players in the dramatic history of America while exploring the Capitol Building and the Smithsonian museums, and they learn to appreciate the true meaning of conflict and sacrifice at the Vietnam, Korean War, and Iwo Jima Memorials. They also explore Arlington National Cemetery, the US Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress among other amazing historical sites. The trip brings classroom learning to life, as students gain a deeper understanding of how the past shapes the way we live today. It's a learning experience that these students will remember forever.

Unfortunately, the five-day trip will cost approximately \$50,000. This cost includes our fee to compete, all meals, lodging, transportation, and sightseeing accommodations. In order to continue our study of the Constitution and represent Maryland and Washington County at the National Finals, we need your help! Any contribution you can provide would be greatly appreciated. As a donor, your name will be featured as sponsor of the *We the People* National Finals on the Center for Civic Education website and in National Finals literature.

We are asking you for a donation because of your commitment to our community and your desire to see our community succeed. A great way to assure years of success in our town is by educating our children about the world around them. The opportunity presented for our team to represent Maryland is enormous, and we are very excited to make our school and community proud. All checks should be made payable to Boonsboro High School and your donation can be returned to the school in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. All donations must be received by Friday, March 13, 2026.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like additional information about our program. We also invite you to the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center on April 17 and April 18, 2026 to watch us compete at the national level! If you'd like to attend, please contact Mrs. Vascik for details. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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