



February 7, 2023

Dear Community Member,

The fifteen students of Boonsboro High School's *We the People* Team 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, federal and state judges, political science professors, and state and national legislators. On January 20, 2023, Boonsboro competed at the Maryland State Competition in Annapolis and won the school's eighth consecutive state championship title. The team's advancement to the National Finals in April, will mark the first time since 2019 that teams will be able to compete in person and have the full experience of the National Finals since the pandemic.

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 Smithsonian Museums, and they learn to appreciate the true meaning of conflict and sacrifice at the Vietnam, Korean War, Iwo Jima Memorials as well as Arlington National Cemetery. This 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 opportunity that these students will remember forever.

Unfortunately, the five-day trip costs approximately \$35,000. In order to continue our study of the Constitution and represent Maryland and Washington County at the National Competition we need your help! Any contribution you can provide would be greatly appreciated. As a donor, your name and/or organization/business will be featured as a 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. If you would like to make a donation, please feel free to use the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. All checks should be made payable to Boonsboro High School. All donations must be received by Friday, March 31.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like additional information about our program. We also invite you to the National Convention Center in Leesburg, Virginia from April 21-April 25 to watch us compete at the national level! Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Indira Aravatho*

Sincerely,

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