



January 15, 2024

Dear Community Member,

The twenty-four students of Boonsboro High School's *We the People* Team (our largest team since 2019) 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 January 10, 2024, Boonsboro competed at the Maryland State Competition in Annapolis and won the school's ninth consecutive state championship title. The team's advancement to the National Finals in April is a stunning achievement that will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students.

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. 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 donate, 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 15.

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 12-April 16 to watch us compete at the national level! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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