



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
333 MARKET STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17126-0333

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Dear Principal:

Now in its 48th year, the United States Senate Youth Program offers an outstanding opportunity for superb student leaders. Sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the Program features an all-expense paid, weeklong adventure (March 6-13, 2010) with government leaders in Washington D.C., as well as the award of a \$5,000 collegiate scholarship to each of two delegates from each state.

Please disseminate the information regarding this program as soon as possible, as time is of the essence. Your Social Studies Department Chair, Social Studies teachers, Guidance Counselors, Student Council Advisor or Student Government Advisor may be particularly interested in the program. Only **ONE** student may represent your school, and your signature is required on the application to certify that **the student represents your school**.

In terms of selection rules, the student must be a junior or senior in the current academic year and a resident of Pennsylvania. In addition, the student **must** be an elected officer in class government, the student council, or have served as an elected representative to a district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization.

The **Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC)** is coordinating the selection process. The completed application of your school's representative **must** be sent to:

Mr. Jim Finnemeyer, Executive Director
PASC Office
North Penn High School
1340 Valley Forge Road
Lansdale, PA 19446

The application must be **postmarked by October 9, 2009**, so don't delay in getting this process underway. Please find enclosed detailed rules and qualifications for the Program, as well as an application form. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for helping to make this program a continued success in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully yours,

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