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Boy Scout Troop 79
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Ms. Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent
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Dear Supt. Ruscio,

I wanted to thank you and your staff for your support of Boy Scout Troop 79 on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. By excusing them from classes on the afternoon of Friday, April 27th and all day Monday, April 30th, we were able to enjoy two full days in our nation's capital. Because of your support, twenty Scouts were able to tour the US Capitol, the National Archives, the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and Museum of American History, and the National Portrait Gallery. We also visited the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, US Navy Memorial, and the WW II Memorial. During our roughly 17 miles of walking, we also passed the White House, Supreme Court Building, Library of Congress, and other buildings, parks, statues and monuments along the Washington Mall and surrounding areas. In order to receive the BSA President's Trail patch, they also had to answer 44 questions regarding all previous US Presidents.

I know that classroom learning is an essential part of our children's education but also feel that visiting historic sites helps to reinforce the classroom learning. The Boy Scouts of America requires that each Scout earn Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World Merit Badges in order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Our troop works on one of these merit badges each year in conjunction with a trip to historic locations such as Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Saratoga Battlefield, or other locations. Your continued support of the Boy Scouts of American and our local Troop 79 is crucial in our efforts to develop the educated leaders of our future generations.

Please accept our genuine thanks and please pass those along to your school Principals and staffs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Thompson'.

Kevin Thompson
Assistant Scoutmaster