Dear Middle School Educators:

We are very pleased you and your students will be joining us on our *We the People Constitution Tour* for eighth-grade students in DCPS and D.C. Public Charter Schools. We think it is a great tour that offers outstanding educational experiences for students.

The booklet in hand is our Teacher Resource Guide created with the help of DCPS teachers to accompany the tour. It contains information about the tour, suggestions for activities that may be done with your students pre and/or post tour, and some general resources we hope will inspire you to create your own activities and projects.

The suggestions and activities in this guide are all related to the *We the People Constitution Tour* and, of course, to the U.S Constitution. We think they make a nice supplement to the tour experience. None of them, however, must be done prior to or following the tour. Rather they are offered to enhance the teaching you are already doing in your classroom around the Constitution. Please use them as you feel is appropriate.

When your students board the trolley on the day of their tour, we will give each of them a *We the People Constitution Tour Student Guide*. This guide contains activities to be completed during the tour or later after the tour is over. The activities are designed to help the students synthesize information that they gather throughout the day. Each student will be able to take his/her Student Guide home at the conclusion of the tour.

The tour and its accompanying activities for students complement the DCPS Social Studies and English/Language Arts Standards.

We are always looking for ways to improve what we do. We welcome any comments you may have about our Teacher Resource guide. If you have lesson plans or activities related to the Constitution that you have found especially helpful, please send them to us.

Thank you again for booking a *We the People Constitution Tour*. We are looking forward to doing the tour with you and your students!

Best regards,

The *We the People* Consortium
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Accept the WE THE PEOPLE CONSTITUTION TOUR Challenge

Compete with other DCPS and DC Public Charter Middle Schools and find out how students all over the city are involved with the U.S. Constitution.

The school that earns the most points WINS!

All of the activities in your Teacher Resource Guide can be part of the We the People Challenge.

Learn more about this exciting challenge for participating schools at:
www.uschs.org/wethepeople or call Justin Rydstrom @ 202-281-0001, Dee Hoffman @ 301-309-6601 or tell your Cousin Sam when you take the tour.

Keep the investigation going. Learn more ways the Constitution is relevant to everyday life today. Share what you have learned with other students/teachers in D.C. Earn the most points and win the Challenge!

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