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To: Education Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Guidance Counselors, School Boards

RE: Request for Excused Absence for Pathfinder Bible Experience Participants

Dear Educators,

I am writing to inform you that _____ will be absent from school on March 8, 2024. He/She has been invited to participate in the Union Level Pathfinder Bible Experience in Green Township, New Jersey as a member of a team from a local Pathfinder Club associated with the _____ Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PBE is a fun, non-competitive way for young people to become acquainted with and excited about the Bible. The program encourages Bible study, both as an individual and as part of a group. Valuable lessons in working as part of a team and indepth studying are learned, including memorization of large Bible passages. Young people become excited about learning, the Word of God and share that excitement with each other and their families. PBE fosters a lifetime commitment to Bible study and seeking the truth of God's Word.

We are appealing for your help by granting an excused absence in order for the above-mentioned student to attend this unique experience. It is understood that the student is responsible for all missed assignments. Historically, school districts across the country have been very understanding and cooperative in assisting PBE team members who represent their communities.

If additional information is needed, I can be reached at 707-812-3921 or at sherrityno@pcsda.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Sherilyn O'Ffill, Pathfinder Director

Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

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