



Roy C. Ketcham High School trip to Washington D.C.

The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.

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Dear

Students of the Wappingers Central School District have received an invitation from the Secretary of Homeland Defense, Jeh Johnson, to visit him in Washington D.C. on May 28th. Jeh Johnson, a 1975 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School, served as the inspiration to an interdisciplinary, multi-grade project.

Under the direction of Roy C. Ketcham Social Studies teacher, Matthew Paino, and Technology Integration Teacher, Daniel Roberto, a year long documentary film-making project was developed to highlight the career of Jeh Johnson. Along with Mr. Paino's high school classes, second grade classes at Vassar Rd. Elementary, fourth grade classes at Kinry Rd. Elementary, a fifth grade class at Myers Corners Elementary, and an eighth grade Social Studies class at Wappingers Junior High School were invited to collaborate on the production of the documentary film. The entire project is student-driven and aligns to Common Core Standards.

The hard work and dedication of the students has resulted in the Secretary of Homeland Defense, Jeh Johnson, extending an invitation to our students to come and meet him at his offices in Washington D.C. We are honored to receive this invitation and are currently working on bringing 11 students down to Washington D.C. to interview Secretary Johnson and video conference the meeting back to Wappingers for all students.

We would like to request assistance in providing this once in a lifetime opportunity for our students. The approximate cost per student for this trip is \$300, which includes lodging, transportation, meals and various tours and museums. Your donation will help offset the cost for each student.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Roberto & Matthew Paino