

Berrien County Mathematics and Science Center

June 12, 2008

Dear Students and Parents:

For the past several years, our Center has participated in the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science and Technology (NCSSSMST). NCSSSMST is a national organization of schools like ours. We have been a member since our Center began. NCSSSMST provides a national student conference, a professional conference for educators, a professional journal and newsletter, research, and opportunities for our schools to share information and ideas.

Four to eight students have participated in the annual student conference the past few years. The conference has been held in California, Washington D.C., Indiana, Florida, Utah, Georgia, New Jersey, Arkansas, and Virginia. In 2000, our Center sponsored the conference here in Michigan.

This year's October 23-26, 2008, student conference is being hosted in Rochester, New York, by Rochester Institute of Technology and Bergen County Academics and Brooklyn Technical High School. Details of the conference are available at ncsssmst.org and click on programs.

Host schools, sponsors, and our Center grant will cover most of the cost for this conference. The cost to our students is \$200 which includes travel, hotel, and most food EXCEPT 1-2 meals during travel, and incidentals/souvenirs. This can be paid in two \$100 payments with the first payment due September 12 and the second due October 1. We will be staying in a hotel in Rochester with up to four students to a room. We will fly to the conference and non-refundable tickets will be purchased by September 16.

I would encourage our students to apply to attend this conference. An application is enclosed. Please complete the application and return it to me by September 4. We will announce the attendees shortly after that date.

Students have found this to be an excellent experience. Our students have been outstanding ambassadors of our Center and the Consortium appreciates our participation. Please call if you have any questions (471-7725 x 107).

Sincerely,

Dennis Lundgren, Director
Math/Science Center

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Enclosures