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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Education Agencies and Public School Academy Principals  
**FROM:** Betty Underwood  
**DATE:** July 18, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** 45<sup>th</sup> Annual United States Senate Youth Program

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by a United States Senate Resolution, will be held in Washington, D.C. from March 3–10, 2007. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Students will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon and the State Department and will each be awarded a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) College scholarship for undergraduate studies. Each high school in Michigan is invited to participate.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington week, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals. More program information can be found at [www.ussenateyouth.org](http://www.ussenateyouth.org). The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the rules. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow will present certificates representing the five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award to our Michigan delegates during their visit to Washington. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be given to the delegates on their arrival in Washington.

I would urge your school district to participate in this outstanding program. Please make your initial arrangements for materials as soon as possible by contacting the Michigan Department of Education, Betty Underwood, Assistant Director, Office of School Improvement at [Underwoodb@michigan.gov](mailto:Underwoodb@michigan.gov). You will then be mailed directly all the information you need to get involved in this national program. For questions please call 517-373-4226.

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