Dear Administrator:

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) will host the nation’s largest and most comprehensive social studies professional development conference at the 2020 NCSS Virtual Conference, from Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6. Top social studies professionals from across the United States and around the world will come together at the conference to explore standards-based resources, emerging research, changing technologies, and classroom ready activities. The conference includes more than 200 session hours covering the full range of social studies subjects, including history, economics, civics, geography, and social sciences. This would be a great opportunity for me to join and learn from more than 2,000 social studies educators without any of the travel expenses. The full content will be available through April 30, 2021.

In these difficult economic times, I know that we have to prioritize the commitments that enhance our professional experience. My interest in attending the NCSS Virtual Conference is not only for professional growth, but also as an investment for our school. By taking advantage of the wide array of educational sessions, I will build my content knowledge, keep abreast of current topics and trends in social studies education, network virtually with teachers, earn credit toward my certification renewal, and bring hands-on teaching strategies to put to use in the classroom and share with my colleagues when I return.

Registration includes:

* Access to 200+ educational sessions and other learning opportunities
* Six keynote addresses, featuring Chelsea Clinton, Ken Burns, Nikole Hannah-Jones, George Takei, Samantha Power, and Chuck Todd.
* Entry to a virtual exhibit hall with an opportunity to set up virtual meetings with 50+ exhibitors.
* Opportunities to network with experts and colleagues from across the country.
* Access to handout materials from presenters to use when I return to the classroom.
* Opportunity to earn license renewal credit.

Registration fees are $175 for NCSS members and $265 for non-members.

I am confident that I will bring back a great deal of valuable information that I can share with my peers to create a better learning experience that will help our students succeed.

Please visit the NCSS website for more information: www.socialstudies.org/conference

Thank you for understanding why attending this conference would be a tremendous benefit to me and to our school and the district at large.

Sincerely,