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North American Division
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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 _____ . He/She has been invited to participate in the Division Level Pathfinder Bible Experience in Battle Creek, MI, on April 25-26, as a member of a team from a local Pathfinder Club associated with the _____ Seventh day Adventist Church. Some groups may be planning to arrive a day or two early for the educational & historical sites available in the area and thus may request additional days of absence.

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 in-depth 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 you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 210-380- 0698.

Thank you for your consideration,

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