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Dear High School Students,

Congratulations on volunteering to participate in a forum for high school students. Through your engagement in a discussion of what works and what doesn't work in high schools, you will be participating in a project aimed at creating a vision for Connecticut's high schools in the 21st century.

In preparation for the forum, we ask that you complete one assignment prior to the session you will attend. You are asked to take a thirty-minute solo tour of your school. During your walk around the exterior and interior of the school, you will be looking for evidence of what it is that your school values and what it is that your school does not value. The evidence can be anything that strikes you as important and may be in any format. You are welcome to bring actual artifacts as supportive evidence; however, this is not required. In addition, you may want to bring notes or visual representations such as collages or drawings. Our only requirement is that you come prepared to discuss your findings at the forum.

We look forward to meeting you and providing you the opportunity to participate in developing a vision for the future. Your high school principal will discuss with you the location and time of the forum you have been registered to attend.

Cordially,

Wayne Sweeney
CT High Schools Advisory Committee

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