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Dear Middle School Teachers and Principals:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle is pleased to confirm the participation of your student in our educational program, IsraelNow Seattle, taking place February 14 – 23, 2027. This program is a week-long, hands on Jewish educational experience in Israel, designed specifically for eighth graders.

Students who attend this program make a serious commitment of their time and focus. The intense trip itinerary includes visits to sites of biblical, medieval, and modern Israeli history. Students will also learn about Israel's absorption of immigrants from many different parts of the world, as well as its technological and agricultural innovations. They will be exposed to a new language and to Israel's diverse culture and will meet with Israeli peers who will share details of their life in the Middle East.

IsraelNow has been running this program out of Chicago for over twenty years. We are excited to launch this trip for the first time this year with students from the greater Seattle area.

We hope that you will view your student's participation in IsraelNow Seattle as a legitimate school absence. Please note that due to the intense daily schedule, students will have extremely limited time for assignments during the trip. You may want to encourage projects such as reports, presentations, scrapbooks, or picture albums to be shared with fellow students

If you have any questions, please contact Sonya Basseri at Sonyab@jewishinseattle.org. You can also find additional information on the trip website at IsraelNowTrip.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Solly Kane
President & CEO