



# Rancho-Starbuck

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Parents and Students of Rancho-Starbuck,

It's with a heavy heart that I want to tell you about a big decision I have made for next year. I have decided that it is time for me to step down as leader of the Washington DC trip for Rancho. This has been a very tough decision for me. As you all know the planning and execution of this trip has been a big part of my life as I have traveled with both Parks Jr. High and Rancho-Starbuck to Washington DC 18 times during my career. Due to reasons of liability, I am no longer able to commit to this trip as I have in the past.

I want to apologize as I know this is a disappointment especially to those of you who have been planning for this event. My hope is to pour all the time and effort I put into this trip into bringing DC to ALL of the students in my classroom.

Unfortunately, as of now, there is no guaranteed plan for the trip to continue for next year. The trip has been independent of the school because the District is not able to offer out of state field trips. Again, I apologize for this difficult news and the disappointment that this might cause.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding through this process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [svandiest@ljsd.org](mailto:svandiest@ljsd.org).

Thank you,

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