

## Save the Date || Friday, November 16, 2018

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

We're excited that our first group of McAuliffe Manual 8th graders will participate in Congressional Hearings for Social Studies as their summative task for our second unit on the Constitution. This is a simulation of a Congressional Hearing where students present in groups to a panel of 3-4 judges and their class where they discuss a particular topic on the Constitution, US government, and Supreme Court cases. On this day students are also given the option to dress professionally as this is a simulation of a Congressional Hearing, this is not a requirement and students can choose to wear their McAuliffe uniform if they prefer.

This year Congressional Hearings will be held on Friday, November 16th from 8:00 to 1:15 pm. Additionally, 8th grade students will be released early for the day at 1:15 pm; if your student rides the bus, please make sure alternative plans for transportation are arranged on November 16th as the busses will not be available for students at that time. This early dismissal is ONLY for 8th graders; 6th and 7th grades have a normal bell schedule on that Friday 8:00 to 4:00pm.

Parents, you are welcome to join in on the fun in two ways: First, if you would like to watch your student's Congressional Hearing, we would love to have you there! As we get closer to November 16th, we will send out more information regarding the time your student will be presenting, as well as which room they will be in. Second, if you are interested in judging Congressional Hearings, we would love that too - especially if you have a lawyer or judging background. You don't need to have that background to judge our Congressional Hearings, maybe you are a strong enthusiast of Constitutional law, we would love to invite you too! If you are interested in being a judge, please click this [link](#) to take our quick survey so we can get your information. There have already been interested parents this year who have spoken to Ms. Hynson, if you could still take the survey so we have all the information in one place, that would be great.

[Congressional Hearing Judging Survey](#)

Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully,

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