

Board of Education
St. Henry Consolidated Schools
391 E. Columbus Street
St. Henry, Ohio 45883
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Dear St. Henry School Board Members:

My name is Tim Shaffer. Since retiring as a school administrator from Lakota Schools in West Chester, Ohio in 2012 I have been a tour director for Bob Rogers Travel. During this past week I had the privilege of leading the tour of the St. Henry Middle School 8th grade trip to Washington DC and Gettysburg. I have been a tour director on 100's of student trips and St. Henry's stands out as one of the best and most impressive groups I have ever worked with. This opinion was shared with the step on tour guides and our bus drivers all of which deal with students groups constantly.

The students were amazing. They were polite, engaged, and enthusiastic the entire trip. The projects they created and presented at the Vietnam wall were incredible, touching, and very meaningful. The respect they displayed in the Holocaust Museum was far and beyond anything I have seen from student groups. The students represented St. Henry's incredibly well.

The school personnel that accompanied the trip deserve high praise. I hired, evaluated, and mentored many teachers over my years in education. As I am sure you know, Kyle Kunk, Dennis Wendel, Monica Wehrley, and Jackie Homan stand out as the best examples of what a great educator is. The preparation, planning, foresight, and enthusiasm they displayed on this trip was amazing. However, it was the engagement and communication they had with the students that stands out. They are great examples of what all educators can and should be.

Finally, the parents who chaperoned the trip were awesome. They were always on time, pleasant, and took great care of all the students. What a great community you must live in. The students, educators, and parents of St. Henry are first class and, as a school board, I'm sure you are proud of the school district you lead.

Congratulations to St. Henry, Ohio for creating an environment that allows students to grow and achieve. It gives this baby boomer tour director hope for our future.

Sincerely,



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