



Laurel High School



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Ms. Monique Roske
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Dear Monique:

Thank you for contacting me regarding my impressions of the trade education project of The WIIT Charitable Trust. As you know, this is the fourth year working with your organization, first at the Academy of Law and Public Policy at Largo High School and now at Laurel High School. I have been extremely impressed with the caliber of work of the Trust. I have enjoyed observing your enthusiastic members teach their lessons in my classroom, and I find the lesson plans that you have prepared to be of high quality.

This year I have incorporated your education module into a public policy unit in my AP Government class. For instance, the lesson on Legislating U.S. Trade Law is very helpful in illustrating how a bill travels through the legislative process. The critical factor that makes your program successful, in my opinion, is the hands on nature of the activities that you plan for the students. These activities draw students into the subject matter that you are trying to present.

When the Trust first contacted me about its trade education program I was impressed with the organization's commitment to making students better informed citizens. When you and your members, who clearly have considerable experience in the field of international trade law and policy, first visited Largo High School, I found you to be a dedicated group of professional women committed to developing a strong understanding, interest and appreciation of international trade concepts among students. As I noted earlier, the end-of-year feedback from my Largo High School students was all positive. In fact, some of the graduating seniors commented that the WIIT Trust trade education program was one of the highlights of their senior year. You should be commended for your commitment to reaching out to students and to enriching the students' academic experience.

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My very best wishes for the continued success of the WIIT Charitable Trust and its worthwhile and forward-thinking trade education program for junior and senior high schools.

Sincerely,

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