

Dear Parent,

I wanted to take a short time to talk about the importance of the support process for students. On the letter to the students I outlined a number of reasons that reaching out to ask other to join them in the trip. They, I feel, are an important skill for all to learn. In scripture we see a number of examples of raising different kinds of support. The Israelites asked their Egyptian neighbors for support for their trip to the Promise land. Jesus sent the 72 out without anything but clothes and sandals as they ventured out on the first New Testament mission trip. And finally, Paul clearly lives the support concept – prayer, partnership and financial – too bad financial doesn't start with a p.

So does my student really need to write a support letter?

I say yes, even if they can sell enough hoagies and candy or give of their savings. I say yes, even if you are able to financially support the trip or have friends or family that can.

I say yes, because I believe that learning to communicate, gathering prayer support, being dependant on God and accountability are life lessons that students carry for a lifetime.

If there is anything the student ministry team can do – please don't hesitate to ask.

Cheerfully Serving Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The word "PASTOR" is written in a stylized, cursive font. Below it, the name "SCOTT" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.