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To the Principal and Staff of:

Schools in Essex County (East Orange, Newark, Irvington and Orange), Hudson County (Jersey City, Union City, West New York) Union County (Elizabeth, Plainfield), Middlesex County (New Brunswick, Perth Amboy) Passaic County (Paterson, Passaic) and schools with slashed Field Trip budgets:

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and the staff of your school to consider taking your students on a trip to the *Jersey Explorer Children's Museum*. We know that they will have an experience that they will always remember and we're not even going to charge admission. That's right – Free Admissions. To schools, with reduced field trip budgets, that are not on this list – Give us a call. We understand that in tough economic times field trips may be hard to afford. We are hurting financially also but we believe in our mission so give us a call for or reduced admission to the Explorer. The bus is on you (and that's expensive enough) and the museum will be on us.

Our programs and exhibits are geared to children from pre-k through 4th grade and have been designed to immerse our young visitors in learning adventures. Your students will go on an archeological hunt in *The Tomb of the Ancient Kings* where, following the clues, they will search for a mummy and his treasure. They will become the crew of our spaceship, *the Stargazer*, and travel on a dangerous journey across a distant galaxy. They will enter the *Time Traveler* and venture on a mission to deliver an important letter to two young people hiding in a station on the Underground Railroad in 1855. They will join civil rights demonstrators in a church basement in Birmingham in the early 1960s.

For the younger children there are puppet shows (*Off the Page Theater*) and in *Scienceworks* Pop Rockets, Electricity, Chemistry, Magic and more. *Main Street*, our child sized village, has stores, a boat and a miniature TNJ Bus all waiting for our smallest explorers. Then there's *Roscoe House* where we meet Roscoe and his uncooperative roommates who all need to learn about conservation. This fall, check out our new *Photatorium* where amazing photography will be the show. At the *Out in Space Astronaut Race* the children can dress up as astronauts and learn about life in space. If they stop in at the *Jukebox Timeline Cafe* they will be dancing their way through four decades of our history.

We want our children to be, at least for a couple of hours, astronauts, archeologists, historians and reporters; Civil Rights demonstrators, bus drivers, artists, puppeteers and scientists.

We want them to have fun. We want them to learn. We want to make them curious and most importantly we want them to be explorers.

Give us a call ([201-200-3101](tel:201-200-3101) or [973-673-6900](tel:973-673-6900)). We'll be happy to take you or someone from your staff on a tour of New Jersey's most unique children's museum.

Sincerely,

The Students and Staff of the Jersey Explorer and NJ Youth Corps