

# Consultation *on* CONSCIENCE

MAY 19-21, 2019



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Athletic Directors, and Activity Directors

**FROM:** Logan Gerber, National Teen Campaign Organizer for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

**RE:** Student Attendance at Consultation on Conscience, **May 19-21, 2019**

The Consultation on Conscience is the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's biennial social justice leadership conference. Held over three days in Washington D.C., the Consultation on Conscience is dedicated to training and empowering Jewish leaders to make real, lasting change at the national, state, and local levels. At Consultation, high school students will gain meaningful skills they can use to advocate for social change, deepen their knowledge on the critical issues facing their communities, and gain hands-on Civics experience lobbying their elected officials in Congress.

We at the Religious Action Center realize that attending this event will require absence from school and extracurricular activities. I am writing to request student participation in the conference be counted as an excused absence due to the nature of the program.

The three-day conference includes a non-stop roster of experiential learning opportunities. It is a unique opportunity for young people to gather together to strengthen their Jewish identity, knowledge of current events, and commitment to justice. They will meet other leaders dedicated to engaging in public life, lobby their elected officials on issues they are passionate about, and return home with a renewed excitement to participate in their local communities.

At the 2019 Consultation on Conscience, we are putting more emphasis than ever before on engaging, training, and empowering students as Jewish social justice leaders. We know students are not the "leaders of the future" - they are the leaders of right now.

For more information about Consultation, feel free to visit our website, [rac.org/consultation](http://rac.org/consultation). In addition, please feel free to contact our office. You can reach Logan Zinman Gerber at 212-452-6703 or [lgerber@rac.org](mailto:lgerber@rac.org). Your partnership in enabling your students to attend is greatly appreciated.

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