

# WILLOUGHBY SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



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Mr. David Baker  
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Dear Mr. Baker:

The recent conclusion of our annual school sojourn to New York City got me to reflect on our long standing relationship. Dave, it is hard to believe that for twenty-five years, Twentieth Century Tours and I (along with a few choice colleagues) have worked so diligently together to expand the educational horizons of the students of Willoughby South High School. That time frame, my friend, is longer than many marriages! Perhaps our relationship has worked so well for so long because of why and for whom we both do what we do—for the students placed in our charge.

As you are aware, I have taught the children of every member of the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education, and, in one case, the grandchildren as well! Your company's relationship with me, my school, and our school board has grown exponentially because of the trust we have in you and your company due to your diligence, hard-work, and dedication in working with me and several of my peers. Twentieth Century has been the tour company my school board has approved to take students on trips to New York City (25 times), to Chicago (12 times), and to newer venues for us (Washington D.C., and Philadelphia). Each tour has been overwhelmingly successful. For over two decades, I have been invited to the weddings of past students. One constant at the wedding receptions has been the tapes, DVDs, or photo journals on display of the bride's and groom's lives. A second constant of these joyous events has been to see New York City pictures of myself taken by the student on their New York trip. Not only do my former students look so much younger, in many cases, so do I!

You may recall that after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the boards of education of several area school districts eliminated out-of-state school field trips. Our school board was under local political pressure to do so; however, the board did not bend to that pressure due, in significant part, to the trust and great working relationship we have with Twentieth Century. Unfortunately, to date, some of those school districts have not rescinded their out-of-state school field trip policies.

As you know, I have been a social studies educator for 35 years and I never so consistently worked with so fine an organization as Twentieth Century Tours or so fine a gentleman as yourself. I hope we can continue for many more years to come! What do you think? I am game!

Cordially,

Dr. Cal Eyman