



Date: February 19, 2026

**RE: Request Excuse Absence for Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) Attendees**

Dear Educators,

Hundreds of students from across the Pacific Northwest are preparing to participate in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE), to be held March 7, 2026, in Chehalis, Washington, which requires a travel day on Friday, March 6.

We respectfully request that you grant an excused absence for students from your institution who will be attending this significant educational event. Participants understand their responsibility to complete all missed assignments and to remain in good academic standing. In previous years, school districts throughout the country have graciously supported students in this endeavor, recognizing the value of their participation.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience is far more than a competition. It is a comprehensive program that cultivates critical thinking, teamwork, discipline, leadership, and community engagement. Students dedicate months to focused study, collaboration, and preparation. The experience equips them with skills that extend well beyond the classroom and encourages them to become thoughtful, service-minded leaders in their communities.

Full participation in all scheduled activities is essential to the integrity and impact of this event. Your cooperation makes it possible for students to benefit fully from this transformative opportunity.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and continued support of student growth and leadership development. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 360-857-7040 or via email at [rob.lang@nw.npuc.org](mailto:rob.lang@nw.npuc.org).

Thank you for your time and partnership in investing in the lives of young people.

Sincerely,

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