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Dear Model UN Advisor(s):

Here is what you have all been waiting for - the final message prior to the Iowa Youth Symposium.

I hope that I have everything ready to go for a great conference. Remember that you are to provide your own delegate name tags. Hopefully you have copied the schedule from the website and notice that we are fortunate to be primarily within the Capitol Complex again this year. Please assist me with security by making your presence known to students and keeping them in committee and not wandering about.

Please be sure to go to the IYS website on the South O'Brien School's webpage for all of the Regional Position Papers. You may print those for your Pre-Plenary delegates to review for the 20th.

Please remember that the faculty advisors and UNI Secretariat have agreed that the Pre-Plenary delegates will create position papers on Tuesday to share with all of the delegates on Wednesday at the Plenary and that all of the delegates would then work together to create a resolution that reflects the ideas of the position paper. A sample resolution can be found on the IHSMUN site. This year's schedule is on the IYS website along with maps and additional security information. Students are to enter security on the lower level of the west or south side of the Capitol building as we have done in the past.

The Governor has not appointed a UN Day Chair. However, the UNA has found a speaker who will address the students on Wednesday morning. I received word on Tues., Sept. 18th that both the Governor and Lt. Gov. would have to cancel their intended meeting with our students and speaking to the entire gathering. I am still working with Governor Culver's office to get a member of the executive branch to fill in.

Additionally, the Chief Clerk of the House has been willing to open up more rooms to us this year and we will have access to the House Chamber, a large Senate committee room, the Old Supreme Court Chamber and the Wallace Auditorium. I will announce the locations for each of the committees at our opening session in the House Chamber on the 23rd.

I have made arrangements once again to have teen-friendly meal selections for both of our days in Des Moines so that the students stay in the Capitol for lunch.

Paul Schramm of Western Dubuque High School has been hard at work lining up some great presenters for our Round Tables on Tues. afternoon. More information about these

presenters will be available upon your arrival on Tues. Delegates will attend the round tables before leaving the Capitol on Tues.

Many of you have already paid your delegate fees of \$5.00 per delegate. Thank you. I realize, however, that the state auditors are making it more complicated to get checks quickly from our central offices. If you find yourself in this dilemma, please just bring your delegate fees with you. Also remember to have all checks make out to the Iowa Youth Symposium.

I visited with the UNI Secretariat and reminded them of the agreement that no Outstanding Delegates will be selected on Tuesday just prior to the round tables. In addition, the Secretariat will nominate/select these delegates based on their observations of involvement and the ability of the delegates to stay on task, represent the entire committee, and articulate their final position paper.

A big thank you to so many of you who were able to help me with all of the logistics of this conference. I look forward to seeing everyone next week. Safe travels to all of you.

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