



September 22, 2011

Dear Educator:

Enclosed is an invitation from the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut for students in your school to attend the First Amendment Conference for high school students on October 24, 2011 **at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford**. This year's conference will focus on the ways that the Internet is redefining students' free speech rights and the limits on those rights, inside and outside of school. The topic will allow students to explore the boundaries of student free expression as the courts continue to interpret and reinterpret the Constitution in the Internet age. The conference has been approved by the Connecticut Association of Schools.

We have put together an interactive program involving real court cases that have affected students, schools and free expression on the Internet. Participants will have an opportunity to question law students acting as attorneys as they explore the real-world legal ramifications of texting, Facebook, blogs and cyber-bullying. The program will be moderated by Martin Margulies, professor emeritus at the Quinnipiac College School of Law and a cooperating attorney for the ACLU of Connecticut with expertise in Constitutional law and student free speech.

We encourage you to send a group of students, along with a teacher, from your school. Enclosed in this mailing is an invitation and registration form to return to the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut. Space is limited and will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. You may send your school's registration to the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut anytime before October 17, 2011.

The ACLU Foundation of Connecticut has hosted the annual conference since 2008, taking over from the Center for First Amendment Rights (CFAR) when it formally became part of the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut. We are proud to continue the legacy of CFAR with this exciting new conference.

If you have any additional questions about this event or suggestions for ways the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut can continue to honor the legacy of the Center for First Amendment Rights please contact Jeanne Leblanc at 860-523-9146 x8468 or jleblanc@acluct.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Schneider".

Andrew Schneider
Executive Director