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On behalf of the 2013-14 seventh and eighth grade students and staff, I would like to thank the Webster Education Foundation for generously funding our educational field trip to the Minnesota Science Museum on June 10. The trip was a complete success, and students agreed that they would have liked more time to view and interact with the exhibits.

We arrived at the museum at 10:15 a.m. Students were put in groups with a chaperone and decided what to view. This created bonding between students and chaperones. Some of the favorite exhibits included the Vibratory Chair, the Perceptions demonstration, the water/air rocket launcher, the bicycle generator, and of course, the mummy.

At 11:30, school bag lunches were served in the basement commons area where three tables were reserved for Webster. Students were able to go to one of three cafes on the premises to purchase food and bring it to the commons. After lunch, the entire group made their way upstairs where we had reserved time to look at the Ultimate Dinosaur exhibit.

The Ultimate Dinosaur exhibit was a large group tour, with students viewing what interested them the most in pairs or small, self-selected groups. Chaperones and museum staff were available to guide students. There were several hands-on projects to participate in as well as videos, fossils, and huge dinosaur displays.

Next, students had some time to visit the gift shop. Many of the items were surprisingly inexpensive, and students commemorated the day with polished stones, toy dinosaurs, or jewelry from the shop. At 1:00 p.m., it was time to load the buses and head for Webster. We arrived back at school with enough time for students to get oriented, and the buses to line up for the end of the day.

Despite the long drive time, I believe this was a valuable educational experience for our students. Thank you for making it happen this year!

Sincerely,

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