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Dear Stowe Middle School Parents,

Thank you for attending Open House! We appreciate you taking the time to join us this evening. Additionally, it means a lot to our student leaders to have you participate in their session.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some tips, advice, and hints with you in regard to helping your student have a successful Student-Led Conference. Please review these prior to attending Student Led Conferences on October 18.

Before and during Student-Led Conferences, families can:

- Express positive interest in, and anticipation for, the upcoming conference
- Be prepared to give feedback to your child during their conference
 - FYI: Your student is likely going to ask you to share what your hopes/dreams are for them.
- Acknowledge their student's growth and progress
- Ask questions about the learning process
- Be positive, offering to help in areas where improvement is needed
- Take their picture at the end of the conference to share with family members

Possible questions to ask your child during their conference:

- What makes you most proud of your work?
- How have you grown in this particular area?
- How can you improve in this particular area?
- How can we best support you at home?
- What was important to you about this?
- If you could do this work over again, what might you do differently?
- What are your next steps as a learner?
- What are your goals with this project?

This is Stowe Middle School's first year incorporating the student-led conference model. Our hope is that this conference model encourages students to present themselves as experts in their own learning, and to highlight their voices and insights to drive rich discussions with their teachers and parents.