

Dear 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

The Michigan Social Studies Olympiad is an annual competition. The Olympiad offers students the unique opportunity to creatively apply what they have been learning in their social studies classes. Michigan is the only state to offer this type of state-wide event. Based on the theme and project choices provided, students choose the project they wish to and submit, work on it at home and with help from Mrs. Conley, submit it to the Social Studies Olympiad for award recognition.

## THIS YEAR'S THEME IS U.S. CENSUS.

### Olympiad Theme: **Census 2020**

#### Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution

The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.



I count! You count!

Your family counts, too!

I count! You count!

Your neighbors count, too!

The Census counts people.

Make sure it counts you!

(from *Everybody Counts!* by the United States Census Bureau and Scholastic Inc., 2010)

1790 Census	2010 Census
US Population: 3,929,214	US Population: 308,745,538
Number of States: 13	Number of States: 50
Census Bureau Director: Thomas Jefferson	Census Bureau Director: Robert Groves
Largest City: New York City, NY (pop. 33,131)	Largest City: New York City, NY (pop. 8,175,133)
Total cities with more than 10,000 people: 5	Total cities with more than 1 million people: 9

(from [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

Attached with this note is a document containing choices for your child. You can also locate the projects at

<https://mcssmi.org/resources/Documents/Olympiad%202020/2020%20Olympiad%20Handbook.pdf>

Please make sure the age requirements for the projects are met. Please note that we do not compete in the on-site QUIZ BOWL competition.

## **THIS IS AN OPTIONAL AT HOME PROJECT.**

In order to participate, please look over the project choices with your student. They may submit more than one project.

I MUST HAVE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR CHILD'S PROJECT VIA EMAIL BY JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>.

ACTUAL PROJECTS ARE DUE TO MRS.CONLEY BY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, so that I may mail them in.

If your child is picked as a winner, awards and medals will be mailed to school. There is no longer an off-site awards ceremony.

All the information is attached, along with specific requirements. **SS OLYMPIAD JUDGES NOT ACCEPT PROJECTS IF THE REQUIRMENTS ARE NOT MET.** If you have any questions, please contact me at [Courtney.conley@uticak12.org](mailto:Courtney.conley@uticak12.org). We appreciate your willingness to guide and support your students in their Olympiad projects.

Thank you!!

  
Mrs. Conley