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## **2017-18 EXCUSED ABSENCE LETTER**

October 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify that this student is a participant of California YMCA Youth & Government, a civic engagement and leadership program providing training for more than 3,500 high school students within our **Model Legislature & Court (MLC)** program for the **2017/2018** program year. As a participant in our extensive eight-month program, the State of California has acknowledged through the legislation enacted in 2008 and listed below that absences shall be excused during the following conferences during this program year:

### **2017-2018 MLC CONFERENCES:**

November 10-12, 2017

January 13-15, 2018

February 15-18, 2018

Should you have any additional questions or need additional confirmation of participation within the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 287-9623 or [debbie@calymca.org](mailto:debbie@calymca.org).

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### **EXCUSED SCHOOL ABSENCES**

In 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 278 (Lowenthal) allowing California YMCA Youth & Government events to be considered excused absences from school. The full text of the section is below and may also be found at <http://leginfo.ca.gov> by searching the education code for section 48205.

48205. (a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- (1) Due to his or her illness.
- (2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- (3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered
- (4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- (5) For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- (6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
- (7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, **or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization** when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.