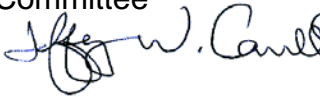
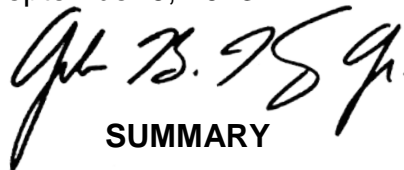




TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Update on the 9/11 Tribute Center Project
DATE: September 9, 2013

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Mr. Lee Ielpi, board member of the 9/11 Tribute Center will make a brief presentation to update the committee. This is an informational dialogue about a cultural institution in the State using the power of first person education at a site of national tragedy, the importance of including this recent history in New York State Schools, and how the material is taught. Educating through primary sources is at the center of Common Core Standards, it is at the core of the 9/11 Tribute Center. Mr. Ielpi will discuss this synergy.

Background Information

9/11 Tribute Center offers visitors to the World Trade Center site a place where they can connect with people from the September 11th community. Through walking tours, exhibits and programs, the 9/11 Tribute Center links visitors who want to understand and appreciate these historic events with those who experienced them.

The 9/11 Tribute Center opened in 2006. Created by the September 11th Families' Association, their mission includes educating the public about the impact of terrorism, using the personal stories of those who were there. Three million visitors have visited our galleries and we have had meaningful interactions with approximately 80,000 school age children through the years. The 9/11 Tribute Center includes many artifacts on long term loan from the NYS Museum. The staff works with schools across the nation, with a concentration in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.