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METCO Family Friends Program Application

Families in Boston, Concord, and Carlisle have the opportunity to work together to build family friends relationships, where the spirit is one of cooperating and sharing rather than of guest and host. By volunteering to be a METCO Family Friend, the Concord-Carlisle family helps to communicate information regarding school programs and schedules and is a familiar contact at school meetings and social events during the transition to a new community for a Boston family. Boston families not only provide the Concord-Carlisle family with a new link to the city, but also offer a diverse set of cultural and life experiences to share. Each school in Concord has a volunteer cooperating family liaison that coordinates the METCO Family Friends Program.

Relationships between families usually develop slowly, and the type and intensity of them varies from family to family. Some families plan joint outings, have students sleep over regularly in Boston, Concord, and Carlisle, or get involved in sports teams or activities together. Other METCO Family Friends simply serve as an emergency contact and see each other occasionally at school or METCO sponsored events. It is particularly important that students from both communities understand that as cooperating partners they will be taking on an obligation of friendliness and helpfulness, but not of mandated friendship. Hopefully, friendship develops and cultural sensitivity is heightened, but each relationship will be unique.

If you are interested in participating in the METCO Family Friends Program, please complete the following information and submit via email to anyamekye@concordps.org or mail it to:

Concord-Carlisle METCO Office
500 Walden Street Concord, MA 01742
Attn: METCO - Family Friends Program

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

School: _____

Parent: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____