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Dear ACE Mentor Program participating school staff:

We thank you for being one of 12 schools in San Diego County involved in this important and formative after-school program. In order to better communicate what we are doing and what we expect of our 'partners', we put together a general overview below. Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions, issues and ideas. We want to work with your staff to make this a success for everyone.

Every school handles the School Support Staff slightly differently, however we consider this individual as the 'ACE School Champion' and will be our main source of contact and interaction for your school.

This person would need to be engaged in the group to the extent that they are the advocate/liaison between the club and the school administration. They would need to navigate the system to ensure that ACE is an official school program: i.e. getting it listed on the school website, in the printed materials, in the yearbook just the same as the Chess Club, Football, Glee Club etc. This person would ensure that ACE has a table at Club Day and other events like this. If needed they would help secure bus funds and paperwork for field trips, and we ask that they also be engaged to help navigate the students through the scholarship application process, helping to get them in touch with the proper counselors and staff to obtain transcripts, letters of recommendation and such. They should be present and involved, not just unlocking the door, but are not expected to be leading the class whatsoever. No teaching or instruction needed - just being there for the group. The rest is up to the Team Leader to communicate what is needed and helpful. All the team Leaders are aware of what is needed to keep the group focused and successful and know what is needed on the ground to make the team work.

The SD ACE Mentor representative (Gitte Russo) will communicate with this School liaison throughout the year, such as distributing information about Scholarship application dates and links etc. so they are aware of the process and provided the info they will need.

Thank you again for participating and we look forward to great school year!

Sincerely,

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Whitney Dorn DPR Construction ACE Mentor SD Board of Directors Chair