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To: [Adriana Villavicencio](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Ly Reyes-Tuccio](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Racial Justice in Schools Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:48:45 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support Spencer Foundation.pdf](#)

Hi Adriana/Stephanie.

Adriana, I am also excited that you are giving us this opportunity to collaborate in this important project.

Please find the letter of support attached to this email.

We selected Cypress High School because they are on the journey to improve the culture on campus. We have brought in the OC Human Relations to assist us in Staff Professional Learning and to improve relationships with their students. As the OC Human Relations MOU ends in May of 2021, the Racial Justice in Schools Opportunity would continue the work that has begun at Cypress HS.

We selected Katella High School because although their culture is more welcoming and inclusive, there is work to do. We also have a district wide Black Lives Matter Committee and the lead teacher is Carlo Davis, a teacher at Katella HS. Therefore, we believe that Carlo will be key in not only helping be a leader at Katella HS through the Racial Justice in Schools Opportunity, but use this to leverage his leadership role in the BLM committee and impact the entire district.

We plan on confirming with a third High School in the near future. I believe it will be Savanna High School

Thank you again for the opportunity. We will be in contact soon.

Carlos J. Hernandez

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On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 8:02 PM Adriana Villavicencio <avillav1@uci.edu> wrote:

Stephanie, thank you so much for moving this forward!

Carlos, our paths cross again....I'm so excited that you and the principals are enthusiastic about engaging in this critical work. I'm putting together a proposal to the Spencer Foundation (due Feb 3rd). One piece that would help make it more competitive is a letter of support from you. I've attached a template here for you to use as is or change as needed. Would you also mind sharing how these two schools were selected (or why they stepped up to participate)? That will help me write up the site selection. We are hoping to conduct the study in 3 schools, but it's okay if we can only mention two for now. If there is another school you think would be a good fit, let me know. Also happy to answer any and all questions!

Have a great weekend everyone, Adriana

On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 1:31 PM Stephanie Ly Reyes-Tuccio <s.reyestuccio@uci.edu> wrote:

Gracias!

From: Hernandez, Carlos <hernandez_c@auhsd.us>
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM
To: Stephanie Ly Reyes-Tuccio <s.reyestuccio@uci.edu>
Cc: Jaron Fried <fried_ja@auhsd.us>, Manuel Colon <colon_m@auhsd.us>, Michael Matsuda <matsuda_m@auhsd.us>, Santana Ruiz <ruiz@uci.edu>
Subject: Re: Racial Justice in Schools Opportunity

Forgot to state that we will have the letter of support to you early next week.

Thank you again.

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On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 9:52 AM Hernandez, Carlos <hernandez_c@auhsd.us> wrote:

Good morning Stephanie/all. I am confirming that we have received commitments from the two high schools we would like to have engaged in this wonderful opportunity.

Below are the two schools with the principal contact information:

Cypress High School

Principal: Kevin Hodgson

hodgson_k@auhsd.us

714-936-5169 • Mobile

Katella High School

Principal: Ben Carpenter

carpenter_b@auhsd.us

714-936-5143 • Mobile

lead teacher: Carlo Davis

davis_c@auhsd.us

Exciting work ahead. Please let us know what are next steps would be. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity!

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On Thu, Jan 21, 2021 at 12:54 PM Hernandez, Carlos <hernandez_c@auhsd.us> wrote:

Hello teammates. Very sorry for the delay in our response. AUHSD is interested in participating. We are just following up with a couple of the schools to ensure commitment. Tomorrow, I should be able to respond with confirmation on the AUHSD schools.

Thanks for your patience. Talk to you all soon.

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On Thu, Jan 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM Stephanie Ly Reyes-Tuccio
<s.reyestuccio@uci.edu> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this e-mail finds you well! I'm just circling back to see if AUHSD was interested in participating in the Racial Justice Program I shared earlier. We are submitting the grant February 3rd and if AUHSD is interested it would be so helpful to have a letter of support. I took the liberty of drafting something for your review so you could see what we were envisioning. Please let me know if this is something you'd like to work on together and if you have any questions we can discuss tomorrow.

All the best

Stephanie

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year. I hope this message finds you in good health. I'm writing to share a project that I'm working on with Professor Adriana Villavicencio from UCI's School of Education. Professor Villavicencio was the former Executive Director of the NY Research Alliance for Public Schools and worked with an organization in NYC, the Center for Racial Justice in Education to provide training and support to dismantle racism in schools that showed promise and

impact. We want to bring this program to our schools and study it to learn how and under what conditions this training has greatest impact.

We are inviting districts and schools to communicate interest in participating in a yearlong racial justice in schools program. The program would begin in the fall of 2021 and end in the summer of 2022.

At a later date, interested schools will be asked to submit a brief online application to gauge capacity and commitment to engage in the program.

The cost of the program will cover a holistic racial equity assessment, at least two professional development sessions, coaching sessions throughout the year, and individualized racial equity plans with corresponding resources. The cost per school is typically \$20,000, but we are seeking additional funds to subsidize the cost for schools through a proposal to the Spencer Foundation. To qualify for subsidizing, a letter of support for the proposal would be helpful.

Participation would require that the school form a Racial Equity Committee with representation from the school's leadership, the teaching staff, and families. Participating schools will engage in a data gathering process with the organization, at least two professional development sessions, and ongoing coaching throughout the year.

Additional information is attached and I write to you as a trusted partner to inquire

1. Is this something your district would be interested in participating in?
2. Do you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal that we should be aware of?

I appreciate any input or feedback or suggestions of a district or school that may be interested that we can share this announcement with.

Thank you in advance for your time and your thoughts.

All the best

Stephanie

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