



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: January 20, 2021

- Purpose: [] Presentation/Report [] Recognition [] Discussion/ Possible Action [] Closed/Executive Session [] Work Session [] Discussion Only [x] Consent

From: Theresa Servellon, Chief Academic Officer

Item Title: Approve the Renewal of MOU between ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio (ACE) and SSAISD South San Antonio High School.

Description: ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio (ACE) is a volunteer based program to educate high school students in the opportunities available in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry. ACE is composed entirely of local industry volunteers, and funded from the donations of individuals and companies. ACE Mentor Program will generate an interactive learning environment that will take each student through the life cycle of a "mock" design and construction project that addresses "real-world" situations. In addition to working on their projects, students visit professional firms, attend College Night at the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Architecture, and attend lectures on industry topics. At the conclusion of the program year, students present their design solutions and receive feedback from local industry leaders.

Historical Data: South San Antonio HS is in the sixth year of participating in the ACE Mentor Program.

Recommendation: Approve the Renewal of MOU between ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio (ACE) and SSAISD South San Antonio High School.

Funding Budget Code and Amount: no cost to district

APPROVED BY: SIGNATURE DATE
Chief Officer:
CFO Funding Approval:
Superintendent:



Memorandum of Understanding

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Between

ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio, Inc.

And

SSAISD South San Antonio High School

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the **ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio (ACE)** and the **SSAISD South San Antonio High School** to create a volunteer based program to educate high school students of the opportunity available in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry.

Background

Formed under Section 501(c)3 of the District of Columbia in 2002, and the industry's fastest-growing high school mentoring program, **The ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc.** reaches over 8,000 students nationwide. Our mission: *to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, and construction through mentoring and to support their continued advancement in the industry.*

Purpose and Method

As a local affiliate of ACE Mentor Program of America, ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio Inc. seeks to partner with **SSAISD South San Antonio High School** to engage students in a volunteer based program to teach students of the potential careers in architecture, engineering and construction. Comprised entirely of local industry volunteers, and funded from the generous donations of individuals and companies, ACE will generate an interactive learning environment that will take each student through the life cycle of a “mock” design and construction project that address “real-world” situations.

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Funding

Funding and fundraising will be the responsibility of ACE. School is responsible for students' transportation.

Duration and Frequency

Meetings occur bi-weekly starting at the beginning of October through the end of December. Meetings occur weekly starting at the beginning of January through the end of March. Meetings are typically from 4:30-6:00pm on a designated day. The beginning and end dates are subject to the School's calendar.

Responsibilities of Each Partner:

ACE:

- Provide dedicated volunteer-mentors from all aspects of the engineering, architecture, and construction industry
- Provide a dedicated Board of Directors to coordinate and oversee the process
- Provide all funding through donations and fundraisers
- Provide background checks for all mentors
- Maintain general liability insurance through ACE
- Make reasonable and diligent efforts to follow School and District protocols and calendars

South San Antonio High School:

- Provide one school champion to act as a liaison between ACE and CCA High School
- Provide one co-school champion to act as alternate if the school champion cannot fulfill his/her duties
- Provide a dedicated place for the mentors to teach and interact with the students with the understanding place may mean virtual for the time being.
- Recruit students interested in the engineering, architecture, and construction industry
- In the event in-person field trips are permitted, provide transportation for the students to/from school for college night, site visits, and ACE events (to be determined)



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This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from ACE and SSAISD South San Antonio High School. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from ACE and SSAISD South San Antonio High School and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from ACE and SSAISD South San Antonio High School this MOU shall end on May 2021.

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