



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: June 15, 2016

Purpose: Report Only Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Presenter(s): Aja Gardner, Director of STEM, Adv. Academics, & Instructional Technology

Item Title:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the partnership between South San Antonio ISD and the Architecture Construction Engineering (ACE) Mentoring Program of Greater San Antonio to engage students and enhance their knowledge about the potential careers in architecture, construction, and engineering.

Description:

ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio will provide volunteer-mentors for the 11th and 12th grade CTE students to develop a “mock” design and construction project that addresses “real-world” situations. Mentors will meet with the students every other week, after school, September – May.

In addition to working on their projects, students will visit professional firms, and attend College Night at UTSA College of Architecture.

At the end of the program year, students will present their design and receive feedback from local industry leaders.

District Goal:

Goal 3 We will provide meaningful and innovative instruction that promotes critical thinking and problem solving.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

Fund Balance	
Program Funding will be the responsibility of ACE Mentor Program, at no cost to the District.	

APPROVAL ROUTE

Principal/Director:

Executive Director:

Chief Administrator:

Superintendent:

SIGNATURE

DATE

6/9/16
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Memorandum of Understanding

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Between

ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio, Inc.

(Partner)

and

South San Antonio Independent School District

(Partner)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the **ACE Mentor Program of Greater San Antonio (ACE)** (partner) and the **South San Antonio Independent School District** (partner) 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 South San Antonio Independent School District 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.

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.

Funding

Funding and fundraising will be the responsibility of ACE.

Duration and Frequency

Meetings occur every other week starting at the end of September through beginning of May. Meetings are typically from 4:30-6:30pm at the school on a designated day.

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

South San Antonio Independent School District:

- Provide one school champion to act as a liaison between ACE and South San Antonio High School
- Provide one co-school champion to act as backup if something were to happen to school champion
- Provide a dedicated place for the mentors to teach and interact with the students
- Recruit students interested in the engineering, architecture, and construction industry

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from (list partners). This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the (list partners) 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 (list partners) this MOU shall end on (end date of partnership).

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(Partner signature)
(Partner name, organization, position)

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(Partner signature)
(South San Antonio Independent School District, Director of STEM)