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## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Project Cornerstone &  
Los Altos School District  
School Partnership Agreement  
July 2017 – June 2018

This memorandum of understanding outlines the agreement between YMCA of Silicon Valley/Project Cornerstone and Los Altos School District (LASD) regarding implementation of the Project Cornerstone School Partnership during the period of July 2017 – June 2018.

Project Cornerstone will support LASD's efforts to provide a positive school climate for all of its students and to increase parent engagement. The goal of this collaboration is to educate both adults and students about how to create an environment where all youth succeed and thrive:

1. Use of Resources:
  - a. Project Cornerstone will assign the School Partnerships Director to provide service coordination.
  - b. LASD will assign a liaison to coordinate services.
2. Articulation of Monies – Reimbursement Plan:
  - a. LASD will pay YMCA/Project Cornerstone \$5,000. Project Cornerstone will invoice LASD \$2,500 on January 15, 2018 and the balance on June 30, 2018. A brief report on services provided will be included with invoice.
3. Coordination and Delivery of Services from the Project Cornerstone “menu” may include:
  - a. Training and coaching to school site staff on developmental assets such as a caring school climate, positive adult role models, service learning, and high expectations, and their link to greater academic achievement.
  - b. Parent Education workshops on asset building and bullying prevention upon request.
  - c. One *Take It Personally* parent education series in the district for LASD parents. These workshops are 90 minutes each for six weeks. Parents are asked to contribute \$20 for the workshop series.
  - d. Parent engagement programs (*Asset Building Champions (ABC)* & *Los Dichos*) at elementary school sites plus support for middle school parents.
  - e. Half-day student workshops (*Expect Respect*) and ongoing technical assistance to develop leadership skills, educate students about ways to reduce bullying, and promote healthy behaviors on campus. Students will develop action plans to promote safe, caring school climates, which will be implemented during the school year.
  - f. Additional services may be provided based on availability.

4. Insurance

The YMCA will maintain for the duration of this agreement insurance against claims for injuries to person or damages to property which may arise from, the YMCA, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors.

5. Indemnification

The YMCA of Silicon Valley (YMCA) shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless LASD, including its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liability, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, incurred by LASD which arise out of or relate to the wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omission of the YMCA, its officers, directors, employees or agents, in the performance of this agreement.

6. LASD shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the YMCA of Silicon Valley (YMCA), including its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liability, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, incurred by the YMCA which arise out of or relate to the wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omission of LASD, its officers, directors, employees or agents, in the performance of this agreement.

7. Application Law

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties and it is under jurisdiction and subject of the State of California.

8. Termination of Agreement

Each party has the right to terminate this contract if the other party has materially breached any obligation herein and such breach remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is sent to the other party.

YMCA of Silicon Valley/Project Cornerstone



Authorized Signature

ANNE EHRESMAN

Printed Name

Executive Director

Title

4/3/17

Date

Los Altos School District

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Authorized Signature

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## Project Cornerstone School District Reporting

**School District:** Los Altos School District

**Year:** 2016-2017

**Quarter:** Q1 and Q2

**LCAP/LCFF Priorities:** School Climate and Parent Engagement

| Parent Engagement   | Parent Training  | Student Engagement  | Staff Engagement   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <p>The following schools are offering the ABC or middle school parent engagement programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almond ES</li> <li>Blach Intermediate</li> <li>Covington ES</li> <li>Egan Junior High</li> <li>Gardner Bullis ES</li> <li>Loyola ES</li> <li>Oak ES</li> <li>Santa Rita ES</li> <li>Springer ES</li> </ul> <p>There are 243 parents volunteering at these schools impacting approximately 2,392 students monthly.</p> <p>The parents volunteer approximately 729 hours each month at your schools in these programs. This includes training, preparation, and classroom time.</p> | <p>The 6-week <i>Take It Personally</i> workshop was hosted at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blach Intermediate</li> </ul> <p>48 parents/caregivers attended these workshops from the following schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almond ES</li> <li>Blach Intermediate</li> <li>Covington ES</li> <li>Egan Junior High</li> <li>Oak ES</li> <li>Santa Rita ES</li> <li>Springer ES</li> </ul> | <p>The Expect Respect workshop was provided for students at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loyola ES</li> </ul> <p>97 students attended these trainings. Each school site student team developed a school wide plan to improve school climate. They will implement the plan throughout the year with the support of their Expect Respect Club Advisor.</p> | <p>Gardner Bullis ES hosted the Introduction to Asset Building staff training. 21 staff attended this training.</p> <p>The following schools had staff consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blach Intermediate</li> </ul> |

The following survey results were reported for the 15-16 school year:

- 92% of surveyed parents reported that they are making stronger efforts to support youth in the community, including their own child or children.
- 99% of surveyed parents reported that they are making intentional efforts to build positive relationships with other children at their child's school.
- 100% of surveyed parents reported that they are more involved in their school community.
- 92% of youth surveyed reported that there is at least 1 caring adult at their school site.
- 92% of youth surveyed reported that they feel accepted and respected at school.
- 80% of youth surveyed reported that Project Cornerstone programs have encouraged them to be better students.

The following survey results were reported for the Expect Respect trainings during the 16-17 school year:

- 100% of students surveyed reported that they understand what bullying is and how to be an UPstander.
- 100% of students surveyed reported that they will support a student that is being bullied or one that needs help.



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## TRAINING & CONSULTATION FEE SCHEDULE 2017-18

|  |            |
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| <b>Staff As Asset Builders</b>                             |            |
| Half Day Staff Training (1-4 hours)                        | \$600      |
| Full Day Staff Training (4+ hours)                         | \$1,200    |
| <b>Parents As Asset Builders</b>                           |            |
| PTA/ELAC Presentations                                     | \$150/hour |
| Principal's Coffee (30 minute)                             | Free       |
| <i>Take It Personally</i> Parent Study Group               | \$2,300*   |
| *Participants pay \$20 for workbook and materials.         |            |
| <b>Parent Engagement Programs</b>                          |            |
| Asset Building Champions Training & Curriculum             | \$2,500^   |
| Los Dichos Training & Curriculum                           | \$2,500^   |
| ABC Preschool Training & Curriculum                        | \$1,000^   |
| ^Participating schools cover costs of books and materials. |            |
| <b>Youth As Asset Builders</b>                             |            |
| Expect Respect Workshop                                    | \$800      |

All fees are per site/per training. We offer a group discount for partner schools and districts in our service area from Redwood City to Gilroy. All out of area partners will need to pay fees plus travel expenses. For additional information on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or our services, contact [info@projectcornerstone.org](mailto:info@projectcornerstone.org) or call (408) 351- 6482.

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