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Subject: F&A follow-up regarding our Connecting Our Generations project
Attachments: Connecting Our Generations Overview.pdf

Good morning Supervisor MooreOmokunde -

At our 2020 budget hearing I had provided some detail on our Connecting Our Generations (COG) project. Attached is a flyer that we've used to describe this intergenerational project in generic terms. We have been very pleased with this project so far and hope to expand it to other senior centers and schools throughout the county.

One of the things I mentioned in my testimony to the F&A Committee was that seniors and 4th grade students at Brown St. Academy engaged in a discussion last year that focused on African-American entertainers, authors, athletes, and civil rights leaders. I attended that session, and it was fascinating to hear seniors talk to the students about meeting Martin Luther King Jr., Barack Obama, Jackie Robinson, and other notable figures.

Also, I thought you might be interested in the dates that the students and seniors will be getting together: (on 9-20, 11-15, 12-20, 1-17, 3-27, and 4-17 the seniors are getting bused from Clinton Rose to Brown Street, and on 10-18, 2-21, and 5-15 the students will be bused to Clinton Rose). All of the intergenerational activities taking place on these dates start around 9:45 am and end at 11:15 am.

So far this year the students and seniors have met twice. In September 28 students and 12 seniors read a book together and then did an activity together based on the material that they read. In October 24 students and 15 seniors completed four different stations together (art, dance, exercise, and bingo).

I'm happy to answer any other questions you might have about this project. Thanks for your interest and support!

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Connecting Our Generations

Connecting Our Generations is an exciting new program for your school.

- It brings your students together with older adults in the area to share time, experiences and build positive relationships.
- Studies have shown that connecting students and elders has a profound positive effect on each generation.
- One visit a month, either at the school or the Senior Center, helps build an emotional connection that will last a lifetime.
- There is virtually NO COST to your school. MCDA will cover the cost of transportation and the "Forever Friends" Foundation will cover the cost of project supplies including books.

We Are Seeking

- Schools and administrators that are looking for new and innovative ways to teach and motivate children.
- Teachers who will take a little time to design nine 90-minute intergenerational sessions to get the maximum benefit out of each visit. We can help by sharing ideas and past successful curriculum from Brown Street Academy.
- A support team enthusiastic about finding new ways to develop the total student.

For More Information

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