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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Senior Project Advisor for a Waipahu High School student. Students from the graduating Class of 2014 can choose to complete the rigors of the Senior Project program to earn special recognition at graduation and, for some, to graduate from Waipahu High School with a Board of Education Special Recognition Diploma. The Senior Project is both a summative and formative assessment for graduation seniors to demonstrate and apply the skills and knowledge they accumulated over their thirteen years of schooling.

The Senior Project consists of four components that revolve around a single topic chosen by the student. These components include: (1) a research-based argumentative /position paper, (2) 20+ documented project hours that leads to a culminating product, (3) development of a Learning Portfolio, documenting his/her journey through the Senior Project, and (4) a formal oral presentation in front of a panel of judges made up of community members and/or Waipahu High School staff members.

Students must choose to complete either a community service learning project, a self-development project, or a career interest project. The main criterion is to show some type of "learning stretch" (i.e., going above and beyond what the student already knows or has completed previously). As was mentioned above, all students must spend a minimum of 20 project hours to complete their projects and to meet their learning goals. This can be accomplished by having students observe their advisors on the job, gathering information during personal interviews, learning new skills with hands-on experiences, and so forth.

A student, _____, has submitted your name as his/her project advisor and is therefore required to spend 20+ project hours with you, at your convenience. Thank you for sharing your valuable time and expertise with our student. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the Senior Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line, representing the name Ryan Yoshizawa.

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