



To: Board of Education  
July 6, 2021  
Re: Space request for HYC program

Thank you for the opportunity to share information of our volunteer mentor program open to Hamden middle and high school students. Hamden Youth Connections is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization seeking classroom space at Hamden Middle School beginning mid-July and will be a year- round program. This program was developed along with 60+ students opting into a career interest survey and results of various interest fields were determined from their responses. We currently have a dozen volunteer mentors with session plans in place ready to provide mentorship, life and career skills and future opportunities to these students.

Each course session will be one hour long over a series of weeks and explore interests in the fields. This program is being led by volunteer community leaders in the educational field, entrepreneurs and retired professionals seeking to make a difference in our youth. Our volunteer mentors come from various fields and will explore Business Management, Finance, Arts, AV, Tech, Farming, Agriculture, Culinary, Carpentry, Mechanics, Hospitality and Community and Volunteerism.

We appreciate the support provided to us thus far by Hamden Police Department, Hamden Middle and High School, and Hamden Youth Network.

Hours of operation for sessions would be Monday through Friday beginning week of July 19<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm. In fall would expand to Saturday's 10am to 1pm. Our program is expanding rapidly with a large interest from Hamden's youth. We would very much appreciate the support to have available space to make this happen for our students.

Best regards,

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