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Dear Mentor:

Thank you for agreeing to be a mentor for a North Salem student. It is with great anticipation that our seniors approach the last months of high school due to the unique experiences with which you will provide them. Fulfilling the role of advisors, we (O.P.T.I.O.N.S. faculty members) will be meeting with students on a regular basis to monitor their progress and help them prepare for Senior Exhibition Night in early June.

Just to provide some scope: Students are expected to complete their required hours (40-50, depending upon their school schedules) by an agreed upon date in late May. Students can be legally excused from classes to spend some full days at their internship. Students can also accumulate hours for work they complete independently (e.g., readings, research, paperwork, prep work, project work).

In early June, our interns will recount their internship experiences and present their projects at Senior Exhibition Night, a wonderful evening attended by North Salem students, teachers, parents, community members, and many of the mentors of our seniors. We hope you can attend the event. A formal invitation will follow with a specific date and time.

We'll be in touch in the coming weeks to introduce ourselves, get an informal progress report, and set up a brief (10-15 minutes) site visit if possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your intern, or would like more information about the program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We appreciate your support of this program. O.P.T.I.O.N.S. enables our senior students to gain a unique opportunity beyond the conventional walls of the high school classroom. It is with your help and expertise that the O.P.T.I.O.N.S. program continues to flourish. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

The O.P.T.I.O.N.S. Faculty Advisors

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