Multicultural Affairs Committee

African-American Sub-Committee

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Dear Principal:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC), and the African-American Subcommittee. Consistent with NASP’s Strategic Goals in the areas of social justice and workforce shortages, several multi-year initiatives are underway to recruit and retain school psychologists, especially those who are from diverse backgrounds. It is critically important that school psychologists reflect the students, families, schools, and communities they serve.

After a very successful pilot implementation during the Spring 2018 semester, NASP is pleased to officially launch the *Exposure Project* (EP) to introduce high school students to the field of school psychology. To measure success, we will be tracking the number of presentations completed and the number of students who attend each session.

As the principal of a high school, we invite you to support this initiative. With your permission, we would like **to present school psychology career information to your students. We envision school psychologists and/or school psychology graduate students offering a 30-minute presentation followed by the opportunity for questions and answers.** To accommodate school schedules, we are flexible in how these presentations occur (e.g., during certain classes and/or arranged through the career center/school counseling office).

If you are interested in supporting this exciting project that will shape the future of school psychology, please provide names and contact information of individuals who may be helpful in planning these presentations (e.g., career center director, school counseling director, school psychologist) at your earliest convenience**.**

If you would like additional information about the EP, please feel free to contact me [insert email address and/or telephone number].

I look forward to speaking with you in the very near future.

With respect and gratitude,

 

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