Good afternoon,

My name is Marcos Mireles and I am contacting you regarding a potential Advanced Placement (AP) Pathway at Sanger High School. I teach AP Economics at Sanger High and I am also the AP PLC leader. I have been working very closely with Thomas Soto, our Deputy Principal in getting the ball rolling on this potential future pathway that supports and acknowledges our top tier students, which have slightly fallen off the radar here at Sanger High due to all the new pathways and dual enrollment courses. I have already submitted an application to College Board on behalf of Sanger High to be granted acceptance to their AP Capstone Program (highly recognized achievement by top tier universities) as well as their new Pre-AP Program for freshmen, which just launched this school year. We would be the only high school in the central valley to offer both of these programs if accepted by College Board.

The reason I need your help is because we have scheduled an AP Boot Camp that will take place on Saturday, January 19th. This boot camp was developed by Jacob Clifford, a former AP Economics teacher at San Pasqual High School in Escondido, CA who has some of the highest pass rates in the nation. It essentially will consist of fun, interactive, hands-on experiential learning activities that focus on five skills: teamwork, communication, organization, reading, and problem solving, similar to the skills many AP students need to succeed in the classroom and in college.

We have many Sanger students with the capability of attending top tier universities such as Vincent Heng '18 (Stanford), Grace Ochs '18 (UC Berkeley), Kate Caldwell '17 (UCLA), Amanda Mireles '07 (Princeton), Daniel Rodriguez '08 (Columbia), and potentially many others. My fellow AP teachers and I agree building a strong cohort of students beginning with their freshmen year will have a significant impact on their future success in the AP program as well as give them a better chance at being admitted to more top tier universities.

Sanger Academy has already provided us a list of names of potential AP students that would be the perfect fit for this AP Pathway. My one favor I would like to ask of you is if you can also submit a list of students who you believe would benefit and excel in this pathway. I am currently working with my colleagues to compile a list of current AP students that will be attending this boot camp and we would like some of your 8th graders to attend as well. If you have any teachers that would also like to attend or would like more information please forward this email to them. We have a set number of 100 spots available for this boot camp and would like as many incoming freshmen there as possible to participate in all the fun with our upper classmen.

If you could please get back to me by next week with your list of students I would greatly appreciate it as Mr. Soto would like all of the logistics presented to him before Thanksgiving break. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you and meeting your students!

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