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Dear Educators:

The Center for Youth Citizenship and the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento are pleased to announce the return of a model program and to invite area high schools and districts to participate in ***Sacramento Action – A Youth Court & Service Program.***

Many schools throughout Sacramento County have participated successfully in Sacramento County's Peer Court Program. Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, ***Sacramento Action*** will build upon the past successes of this local youth court effort and also introduce new education and service opportunities for all participating youth and volunteers.

Sacramento Action is uniquely designed to connect teachers, law students, lawyers, judges and other leaders in order to increase youth understanding of and engagement with the courts and the law, and to expand youth leadership and service to schools and communities. Program partners also seek to help increase youth confidence and trust in the judicial system by involving youth in ways that can decrease the sense of cynicism that they, and many adults, often have about government and our community institutions.

CYC will broaden its longstanding partnership with the Superior Court, Sacramento County Probation Department, local law enforcement agencies, and other school and community leaders and will introduce a school "chapter" approach to participation for ***Sacramento Action***. Up to fifteen schools will be selected to participate and receive:

- Professional development for teachers;
- Youth leadership training and service activities provided through a law elective course and "Action" modules;
- A matched community partner and additional community resource linkages to assist with program implementation and youth training;
- A ***Sacramento Action*** product package, including a *Teacher's Resource Kit, Partner Guide, and Student Handbook & Certification Package*; and
- A \$1200 school participation stipend.

Please see the enclosed School Site Application and contact the Center for Youth Citizenship to register your school today! We look forward to having you join this partnership that is committed to engaging youth in taking responsibility for their own education, proactive participation, good citizenship, and innovative solutions for some of our most significant school and community challenges.

Sincerely,

Dr. General Davie
Member, CYC Board of Trustees and Retired Superintendent

In partnership with:

The Honorable Michael G. Virga
*Presiding Judge,
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