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Dear Dawn Dennis,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Autry Teacher Academy, which will be held daily July 9-13 from 8:00am-4:00pm daily. We are extremely excited to work with you and your colleagues to help advance the use of project-based learning, history, and social science education in classrooms across the region. We believe that the participation of committed teachers like you will help achieve this goal in years to come.

We see this Academy as the first step in a partnership with you and your colleagues. As with all productive partnerships, we believe that it is important to lay out the mutual expectations and obligations of our work together. As you know, the Autry will provide a \$1,000 stipend to each participant in the Academy, as well as breakfast and lunch each day.

Additionally, you will participate in an Autry Classroom Curators project. Autry Classroom Curators partners with teachers and students for a unit of study that is implemented in the academic year following the Academy. The Autry will provide support for a project-based learning unit that culminates with a public showcase. Students' work can be showcased at the Autry Museum, at your school, in your community, or almost any other location that fits the needs of the unit.

As discussed in your interview, our partnership has three components:

1. Attending the Autry Teacher Academy participation from July 9-13, 2018
2. Autry Classroom Curators in-class partnership & implementation of your project-based learning unit
3. Autry Social Action Symposium participation on Saturday, May 11, 2019

Please know that payment of your stipend is contingent upon full participation in the Academy, which includes meeting the following milestones/objectives:

- Full participation at all Academy sessions from July 9-13, 2018
 - Each Academy session begins at 8am with coffee and a light breakfast. Classes begin at 8:30am. We encourage participants to arrive earlier so that they have time for breakfast (our treat!) and informal discussions with Autry staff and Academy participants.
 - Participants must attend all sessions. We will grant exceptions for emergencies. If you anticipate being late to the Autry, or need to leave early because of an emergency, please contact Katherine Herman at (323) 495-4300.
- The successful completion of an Autry Classroom Curators project
 - Academy participants will individually develop a plan for a project-based unit of study to be implemented in the coming school year.
 - The unit of study mentioned above must be taught to your class in the 2018/2019 academic year so that we can share the results of your work at the Autry Social Action Symposium on May 11, 2019.
- Advance agreement to participate in the Autry Social Action Symposium on May 11, 2019.

- One of the primary goals of our Academy is to share best practices in the field of project-based learning with a wide audience of educators. To that end, we ask that you agree to participate in a post-Academy symposium on socially minded project-based learning on May 11, 2019.

Please know, as well, the Autry promises to provide the following amenities and resources to you as part of our partnership:

- A \$1,000 stipend (paid in three installments) as a sign of our appreciation for the dedication of your time and effort.
 - \$500.00 after the completion of the Autry Teacher Academy
 - \$250.00 after the Autry Classroom Curators partnership concludes
 - \$250.00 after participating in the Autry Social Action Symposium
- Breakfast and lunch every day of the Academy.
- Access to top scholars and professionals in the fields of history, culture, education, and museum studies.
- Participation in the Autry Classroom Curators program in the 2018-2019 year.
- The promotion of your completed work among the community of educators in Southern California.

Again, many thanks for agreeing to participate in the Autry Teacher Academy. We look forward to seeing you in July. To ensure your participation in the Academy, please sign below to signify your understanding and acceptance of the terms of our partnership.

Sincerely,

Erik Greenberg, Ph.D.
Director of Education
Autry Museum of the American West

Signature

Printed Name