



*This letter is available for use in writing communications to your school leadership (principals, administration, superintendent, etc.) to invite the approval of a Kids Hope USA mentoring program.*

To whom it may concern:

Kids Hope USA is a national mentoring organization that exists to build life-changing relationships between volunteer mentors and students in local elementary and middle schools. With nearly 30 years of experience and over 800 active programs across the country, Kids Hope USA comes as a proven program that increases school engagement, improves academic and behavior outcomes, and offers the additional support and attention to students who could most benefit from one-on-one time with a mentor.

The power of Kids Hope USA and our mentors are not only felt among Kids Hope USA students and their families – the effects ripple across the entire school. One principal recently noted this when he said: **"The positive interactions between our children and their Kids Hope USA mentors have helped shape positive attitudes, behaviors, and friendships throughout our entire school."**

The Kids Hope USA model is this: a local, community-focused church partners with their neighborhood elementary school to deploy trained, volunteer mentors to go into the schools to meet with students who have been selected by their teachers or counselors as those who could most benefit from the additional support of a caring adult. Each church partner honors the separation of church and state and acts as a vehicle to provide consistent adult mentors to young students. Kids Hope USA mentors meet with their students for one hour each week during the school day. In partnership with teachers, counselors, social workers, and parents, mentors and students build a relationship through meaningful conversation, creative play, reading, and academics. Time together between mentors and their Kids Hope USA students help foster a child's growth – academically, socially, and emotionally – and helps to create a safe environment that complements and supplements the classroom learning environment.

The mentoring movement is growing, and Kids Hope USA has a desire to expand to serve students and schools in this community. With the support of our school and district leadership, we'll provide our students with additional support and encouragement they need to thrive in life.