

Preparing every student to thrive in a global society

James Lick High School iMentor Program

Dear East Side Union High School District Friends,

This year, James Lick High School will be partnering with <u>iMentor</u>, an innovative youth mentoring organization that matches adult volunteers with high school students from the Bay Area. They partner with an entire school and match every single 11th and 12th grader with a mentor (1:1 ratio). Pairs interact through a flexible combination of weekly online communications and monthly inperson meetings at iMentor sponsored events. Mentors help their mentees achieve personal, academic, and career goals, and many mentees become the first in their family to attend college. iMentor will start with the 11th grade class for 2016/17.

James Lick is extremely excited about collaborating with iMentor this year and you could be instrumental to them in reaching their goal of recruiting 320 mentors by the start of the school year in August. If this sounds like something you would want to support, or you know someone who would be interested, please pass this email along or sign up to be a mentor here. Below is more information about the iMentor Program.

About iMentor

iMentor builds rigorous, high-impact mentoring relationships that ensure more students from low-income communities succeed in college. By partnering with public high schools and matching every student in the school with a mentor, iMentor leverages the community to re-imagine the counseling function in schools.

Since its founding in 1999 in NYC, iMentor has served more than 15,000 students, created <u>transformative mentoring relationships</u>, demonstrated <u>strong outcomes</u>, and drawn accolades from some of the nations's <u>most prominent leaders</u>. iMentor will serve more than 20,000 new students over the next five years.

This Fall, iMentor will launch in San Jose and Oakland. In its first year of operation, *iMentor Bay Area* will serve approximately 500 students, matching them with college-educated mentors from local corporations and community organizations and helping them to complete high school, succeed in college and achieve their ambitions.

Sincerely, Chris D. Funk Superintendent

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