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Dear Employer,

As part of our goal to increase graduation rates by 50%, the Education Cabinet will launch the *Portland Multnomah Youth Corps* this summer. Participants in Youth Corps will receive progressively more intensive academic support and career experiences as they move toward graduation and into higher education, training, and jobs. Our initial effort will take 500 academic-priority, incoming 9th graders on visits to colleges and career sites. **We need your help by hosting a career site visit at your workplace.**

The commitment is to allow 15-20 students and 3 adult chaperones, to spend 3 hours at your work site. During this time, you would provide:

- An overview of your industry and organization
- An opportunity to engage in activities like case studies, informational interviews, and/or mini job shadows
- A tour of your location
- Lunch for the group of students and adult chaperones, hopefully joined by some of your employees.

These visits will occur on Wednesdays and Fridays from late-June through mid-August with transportation and coordination provided by the Mayor's Office. All students will be accompanied by a consistent pair of trained adult mentors to help them navigate their summer experience and how it relates to their future plans

Research shows that the summer months are a critical time to engage youth to ensure a successful and focused start to their high school experience. We hope that you will join us in this important effort.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Adams
Portland Mayor

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