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Dear Continuation Education High School Principals:

Model Continuation High School Recognition Program

I invite you to participate in the Model Continuation High School (MCHS) Recognition Program sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE) in collaboration with the California Continuation Education Association Plus (CCEA Plus).

The MCHS Recognition Program identifies and recognizes outstanding continuation high schools and creates a resource list for school visits. These model schools provide comprehensive services to at-risk youth through the use of exemplary instructional strategies, flexible scheduling, and guidance and counseling services.

Please review the eligibility criteria for the MCHS Recognition Program for 2021–22. Principals who intend to submit an application **must** complete the Intent to Submit form online at <https://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/go/intenttosubmitmchs2021.asp> in order to be considered for model school status. The online form will close on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Submission of the online form does not obligate the principal to submit an application.

The self-nomination application packet is available on the CDE MCHS Recognition Program web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/mc/> and on the CCEA Plus MCHS Model School Recognition Program web page at <https://cceanet.org/awards/model-school/>. The packet includes instructions for completing the application and required forms, reference materials, and instructions for submitting the application via the CDE exFile Transfer System. Applications are due to the CDE by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021.

The timeline for the 2021–22 program year has been adjusted to accommodate the interruption of school schedules as a result of the coronavirus. In addition, the CDE will be hosting a webinar, scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, for prospective applicants. Any principal interested in applying may participate or whomever they appoint to attend in their place. The webinar will provide information regarding the application and the application process. To sign up for the webinar and receive the required login information, check for scheduling and details on the CDE MCHS Recognition Program web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/mc/>.

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Successful applicants will be identified through an application evaluation and site visit process. As in previous years, we will recognize and present awards to successful MCHS Recognition Program applicants at the annual CCEA Plus State Conference.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Dan Sackheim, Education Programs Consultant, Educational Options Office, by phone at 916-445-5595 or by email at CONTINUATIONEDUC@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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