

# CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Dear Prospective Challenge Success Team Leader,

We are pleased to announce that Challenge Success will kick off our 13<sup>th</sup> year of working with schools at our 2016 Fall Conference at Stanford University on Friday afternoon, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. For the past decade, Challenge Success has helped over 130 schools transform policies and practices to address the need for academic engagement and well-being for their students. We know that schools need hands-on education and skilled coaching to achieve lasting changes that will help all students thrive.

Whether it's rethinking a homework policy, designing a healthier schedule, or improving professional development, we are here to help. Challenge Success will walk you through our tried and true process of school change. Our comprehensive package includes year-round access to our staff, attendance at our fall and spring conferences, four individualized coaching sessions, two-parent education and/or faculty development workshops, and our school survey. We recognize that not all schools are at the same stage of development and that resources vary, so we also offer a basic conference package to ensure that more schools can have access to our program.

This year new school teams will convene at Stanford University on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 PM for an initial coaching session followed by an evening reception and parent education session open to the public from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, featuring Challenge Success Co-Founders, Dr. Denise Pope and Dr. Madeline Levine. Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> will include an interactive, full-day conference for new and returning school teams to address issues of student health and engagement at their sites.

**We are currently inviting middle and high school teams of eight stakeholders to submit an application to participate in our Fall Conference.** We ask schools to submit an application because we want to work with schools that are committed to making real changes. School teams must include the principal, and at least one teacher, one parent, and two students. In addition, we ask you to describe your school's need to address academic stress and the motivation to implement strategies developed from attending the Challenge Success conference. Please complete and return the application **no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will notify you with our decision by March 14, 2016. A non-refundable deposit will be due by April 13, 2016.

Due to increased interest, this year we may not be able to accommodate every team that applies. In an effort to serve schools fairly, we will consider applications on a first-come-first-serve basis. We are looking for a balance of diverse schools: middle and high, public and private, economically diverse, and geographically varied. We recognize the growing need for our program and encourage all schools and members of your school community to attend the Friday evening session on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to facilitating a discussion around academic engagement and strategies to enact positive change, and hope to have you and members of your school in attendance to consider with us how to best cultivate adolescent health and well-being and continued commitment to learning in our community.

Sincerely,

*The Challenge Success Team*

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## 2016 New School Options and Pricing

### Conference Package (\$5,500)

- Admission for up to 8 team members\* to the 2016 Fall conference, including a coaching session and pre-plenary reception on Friday afternoon/evening, September 30<sup>th</sup> (3:30 – 8:30 PM) and a full day of workshops, including an additional coaching session on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (8:30 – 4:00 PM). A light dinner is served on Friday evening. Breakfast, lunch, and snack are served on Saturday.
- Admission for up to 8 team members to the one-day 2017 Spring follow-up conference (date to be determined). Breakfast and lunch are served during this conference.
- Designated Challenge Success coach to facilitate the action planning process for your team. Coaches meet with teams during the Fall conference, twice at the school site\*\* between October and April for up to four hours of meeting times, and during the Spring conference.
- 20% discount on parent education and faculty development presentations and workshops.
- Copy of the newly released Challenge Success book *Overloaded and Underprepared: Strategies for Stronger Schools and Healthy, Successful Kids*.

### Comprehensive Package (\$13,000)

All benefits of **conference** package plus:

- Additional two coaching sessions with designated Challenge Success coach to facilitate the action planning process for your team. Total support includes four coaching sessions between October and April, for up to eight hours of meeting times at the school site and coaching during the Fall and Spring conference.\*\*
- Local schools receive two live parent education and/or faculty professional development presentations. Out-of-town schools receive two recorded interactive parent education recordings.\*\*
- Implementation and feedback from the *Stanford Survey of Adolescent School Experiences* to serve as an initial needs assessment and benchmark of the change process.

\*Additional team members will be charged a per person fee of \$350 if slots are available. Please contact Margaret Dunlap at [mdunlap@challengesuccess.org](mailto:mdunlap@challengesuccess.org) with your request.

\*\*Out-of-area schools are responsible for team travel to the conferences and lodging. Out-of-area schools receive coaching via Skype. **In-person coaching and/or site visits for workshops and presentations for out-of-area schools may be arranged for additional fees.** Requests will be addressed by the School Program Director and will be fulfilled as our resources allow.

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## 2016 New School Application

When you have completed this form, "save as" a new document with your school in the file name.  
Email to Margaret Dunlap at [mdunlap@challengesuccess.org](mailto:mdunlap@challengesuccess.org)

Your Name

Role

Email

School Name

Address

Phone

School's Grade Levels (check off those applicable for conference) Middle School  High School

Number of Students

Number of Faculty

Average Class Size

Bell Schedule: Traditional  Non traditional (modified block, full block, etc.)

Describe Bell Schedule:

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If you have made changes at your school to address student well-being and engagement with learning, it is helpful for us to know this information so that we may understand the extent to which additional changes take place at your school after the conference. We understand that your school may not have made any changes and that is fine. Please indicate any changes with an approximate date (or range of dates). Please also attach documents where applicable. If you have **not** engaged in the activity, please leave it blank. We appreciate your honesty and candor, and we will keep this information confidential.

Action	Date
Presented on Challenge Success at faculty or parent meeting	
Conducted survey regarding student health, engagement, and/or integrity	
Held parent education program(s) regarding student health, engagement, and/or integrity	
Held staff education program(s) regarding student health, engagement, and/or integrity	
Held student assemblies regarding student health, engagement, and/or integrity	
Created/modified homework policy ( <i>please attach</i> )	
Created/re-introduced test/project calendar ( <i>please attach</i> )	
Modified policy on weekend/vacation assignments	
Modified or introduced new forms of assessment	
Revised school schedule	
Revised exam schedule	
Created more time for students to work on homework/projects in school	
Created opportunities for students to interact with faculty/receive academic support (i.e. tutorial)	
Created honor code or new academic integrity policy	
Modified the grading system or grading policies	
Implemented or modified an advisory system	
Modified college counseling practices	
Other (please list any additional actions your school has taken)	

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Please indicate the members of your school team below. **School teams must include the principal, and at least one teacher, one parent, and two students.** Please include grade levels next to student names. Please note that we understand you may only have a partial team in place at this time. Full team names are due two weeks prior to the conference start date.

Team Member Name	Role	Email
1. <input type="text"/>	<b>Principal or Head of School</b>	<input type="text"/>
2. <input type="text"/>	<b>Teacher</b>	<input type="text"/>
3. <input type="text"/>	<b>Parent</b>	<input type="text"/>
4. <input type="text"/>	<b>Student</b>	<input type="text"/>
5. <input type="text"/>	<b>Student</b>	<input type="text"/>
6. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

\*Note that by submitting this form ALL team members are agreeing to attend the Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> afternoon coaching session (3:30 – 5:30 PM), the evening reception and open parent education session (6:00 - 8:30 PM), and the Saturday workshops from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Package

Please indicate which package you are applying for (see pricing sheet for details)

Comprehensive  Conference

## Supplemental application questions

1. Describe the interest and need at your school for becoming a Challenge Success member school and for participating in the conference. Specifically, what are the issues surrounding undue academic and performance pressure that you hope to address with the support of Challenge Success?

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2. During the conference and in the ensuing academic year, your team will work together to devise strategies to improve student well-being, integrity, and engagement with learning. How would you describe your school community's commitment to address these issues, as well as its capacity to implement these strategies? Explain how a Challenge Success initiative fits within the overall strategic plan or existing initiatives at your school.

3. The success of Challenge Success school teams is directly linked to having strong support and leadership from the school administration, particularly the principal or head of school. Describe the role you see the principal/head of school playing on the Challenge Success team. How committed is the leadership to enacting change at your school?

4. Is your principal or administrator committed to attend the September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> conference?

5. Please provide any additional information you would like to include.

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**A non-refundable deposit will be due by April 13, 2016.**

**To submit your application, "Save As" a new document with your school in the file name.**

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