Dear Supervising Teacher:

Thank you so much for hosting a pre-professional in your classroom this quarter! UCSB requires all credential program applicants (aka ‘pre-professionals’) to complete at least 45 K-12 volunteer hours before entering the Teacher Education Program. There are also several UCSB undergraduate education courses that require pre-professional hours as part of the coursework.

Pre-professionals are encouraged to observe and participate in the six CSTPs as they volunteer in your classroom. In addition to observing the teaching and learning process, your pre-professional can assist you with any classroom activity that you consider appropriate. This might include tutoring individual students, working with a small group, grading papers, or preparing materials. If you feel that the pre-professional is ready, he/she is encouraged to work with you on teaching a lesson to a small group or to the entire class. It is up to you to decide how you would like to involve the pre-professional in your classroom.

In addition to volunteering in your classroom, most pre-professionals will participate in an ‘auxiliary activity’ at your school, and many will complete relevant assignments for their UCSB coursework. At the end of his/her classroom experience, your pre-professional will ask you to sign and make comments on his/her Fieldwork Verification form. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email me at kblackwell@education.ucsb.edu, or call me at 805-893-3976.

Thank you again for inspiring our pre-professionals to enter the teaching profession. You truly make a difference!

Sincerely,

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