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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

I write to seek your permission for your child/ student to participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Saturday workshops being organized by the Girls Education Initiative of Ghana, GEIG. The workshops will begin in March, 2018. (Exact date will be communicated through your child’s teacher/ head of school)

BACKGROUND

It is 2018, The Girls Education Initiative of Ghana, GEIG is now 4 years old and have seen the advancement of its program since it began in 2014 where the beneficiaries have now fully transitioned to senior high school. The second cohort has been recruited as a continuation of existing programs. GEIG is now fully matured because it has accomplished in full, all the components of its program (GIEG LEARNS – GIEG LEADS – GEIG SERVES).

However, the welcoming of a second batch of beneficiaries poses new challenges for the organization. Accra has only 4 beneficiaries who take part in the Saturday classes component of the GEIG Learns academic support program. However, 7 volunteers are paid per month to teach them but there is inconsistency in attendance by beneficiaries resulting in an average of only 2 students attending every Saturday. This situation is financial loss to the organization.

**Proposed Solution**- In a quest to getting a solution, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – Applied STEAM was developed. Connected Communities – Applied Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) is a program developed to expand GEIG LEARNS program to focus on engaging other students and schools in the community towards critically thinking and applying theoretical concepts in STEAM to socio-economic matters that leads to development and contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), specifically SDG 4,5,9 and 10 which target quality education, gender inclusion and equality, industry, infrastructure, and innovation, and reduced inequalities respectively.

Connected Communities – Applied STEAM works with private and government schools within a localized community (for example Bawaleshie is one community and Dansoman is one community and Adjiringanor is one community).  The program focuses on only 3 core subject areas: Mathematics, Science and Arts.

Five brilliant students from each school will be selected to attend the Saturday trainings/classes for a period of 12 weeks. After the 12 weeks, these students will work on one project that highlights one of the SDGs above that they select for a period of 1 year as they go through mentorship and implementation. During the 1 year period of implementation of their program they will take part in these workshops/masterclasses:

We hope you will give consent for your child will enroll and participate in the sessions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree for my child to enroll and participate in the Connected Communities: Applied STEAM sessions to be held at the Nubuke Foundation in East Legon near Mensvic Hotel. Please note that by agreeing for your child to participate you agree to provide transportation to/from home to workshop site every Saturday for the duration of the sessions. GEIG will do well to provide a snack and refreshment while your child is in our care.

We look forward to working with you,

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