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Dear Administrators,

SHEMESH and Hidden Sparks are excited to announce a wonderful opportunity for you and your faculty, as we rejoin forces to **bring Hidden Sparks coaching and teacher training programs to the Greater Baltimore community.** This partnership has already trained over 60 teachers from six of our Baltimore Day Schools. Building on our past success, we are prepared to offer this outstanding program in June 2020 starting with the Hidden Sparks signature four-day professional development course sponsored by the Avi Chai Foundation at no cost to you. SHEMESH and Hidden Sparks are pleased to offer two subsidized opportunities:

1. Training of select faculty teams followed by year-long one-to-one coaching for teachers from a SHEMESH or Hidden Sparks professional.
2. An opportunity to select a teacher leader (ideally a Learning Center or special education teacher) from your school who will coach and mentor classroom teachers with the support of a SHEMESH or Hidden Sparks professional for up to three years.

For both of these, coaching can be accessed and paid for via Title funds or private pay. Please see the attached application with additional information.

To hear more about this award-winning program call Faye Friedman at 410-843-7589. We will be offering in-person meetings and video-conference sessions to answer your questions and provide additional information.

We look forward to collaborating with you and your teachers to meet the diverse needs of all of your students and help them fulfill their potential.

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WHAT IS HIDDEN SPARKS?

Since 2007, Hidden Sparks has been providing professional development in the form of training, coaching and mentoring to teachers in over 110 Jewish day schools and yeshivas nation-wide to help them address the needs of **all** students. The curriculum, which was developed with learning experts from Bank Street College and The Churchill School, and school-based coaching approach transforms educators' confidence and skills in teaching a wide range of students, especially those students with academic, social or behavioral challenges, resulting in gains across the board. Their programs support teachers as they enhance their depth of understanding and strategies to meet the needs of today's day school and yeshiva population. Find out more at HiddenSpraks.org