IGET-NETWORK

International Gifted Education Teacher-Development, Network (IGET-Network)
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Dear Gifted Education Teacher/Specialist:

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in the world with the talents and gifts you have longed possessed? Good news, The International Gifted Education Teacher-Development Network (Iget-network; http://www.iget-network.org) has launched its Cyberspace Mentorship Program in South Africa, via the teacher education program in the School of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)(http://web.wits.ac.za/Academic/Humanities/Education/HistoryofTheCollegeofEducation.htm). We so desperately need your expertise in teaching economically disadvantaged, limited English proficient and culturally diverse gifted children.

Your expertise in working with such a population of potentially gifted and identified gifted students will be invaluable in South Africa. Our cyberspace mentorship program is the first of its kind in the United States, and certainly in South Africa. By volunteering to regularly answer email questions to even one South African teacher, say, only once a week, you can truthfully make a difference in the lives of thousands of teachers and children. The need is great in South Africa. I know from firsthand observation that one teacher in a classroom of 65 third-grade learners is overwhelming for the South African teacher. However, added to this fact is that the teachers themselves have not been trained to recognize and nurture the talents of high potential learners.

Our network is international because we hope to expand the cyberspace mentoring program globally. In doing so, I would personally like to invite you to join Iget-Network and likewise encourage other gifted education educators to become members. Presently, we consist of South African and American educators from all education disciplines. At this early stage, membership is free and open to all interested gifted education educators--seasoned, experts and novice alike.

If interested, would you please take time to read the attached materials and consider completing the mentor application? The application must be returned to me as an electronic email attachment. Please send to both email addresses appearing at the bottom of this letter. Please remember to write "cyberspace mentoring" in the subject line.

I look forward to your participation and receiving your application. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request, and please feel free to write or call anytime with your questions.

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