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Director of Education

Hidden Sparks is looking for a strong and compassionate educational leader and mentor to join our senior leadership team in a top educational program with national and international presence. The position offers the right candidate the opportunity to grow existing programs, innovate, and collaborate with a team of exceptional educators.

Hidden Sparks is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help educators and schools nurture the Hidden Spark within each student. We do this by developing and facilitating professional development programs and coaching for Jewish day school educators to deepen understanding of learning and approaches for teaching all kinds of learners, particularly those who struggle. By working with educators and coaching internal school leaders, we are committed to increasing the capacity of Jewish day schools to address the varied needs of learners so that all students thrive. Launched in 2006, the mission is to support children with learning and behavioral differences in Jewish day schools. Designed as a professional development and mentoring model, Hidden Sparks' innovative curriculum helps teachers enhance their understanding of students and their skill set by engaging teachers in looking at student's learning and behavior through neuro-development, temperament and classroom ecology. What began as a pilot in 7 schools in 2006 is now being used in 125 schools across the country and in schools in Israel.

The candidate we are seeking is an educational leader who has experience and expertise working with both children and adult learners, who possesses a strong knowledge of the field of education and best practice models, and ideally also is familiar with Jewish day schools and the field of diverse learners. The candidate should have strong interpersonal skills for a portfolio which involves interfacing with school leaders and teacher teams, comfort with facilitation and presentations, and the skills to mentor seasoned educators with compassion and wisdom. The candidate should have

experience developing curriculum and mentoring other educators, and be skilled in facilitating workshops. They should have management ability for both the big picture and details to oversee national programs.

This multifaceted position requires a warm and nurturing collaborative leader with demonstrated experience of natural leadership abilities. The candidate will possess the ability to nurture strong relationships with board members and donors, with staff, teachers and administrators in participating schools. The candidate will have the opportunity to represent us on that national stage and will present at conferences.

Strong oral and written communication skills are necessary and an advanced degree in education, special education, or school psychology is required.

This position is full time or could be a 4 day a week position and is based in New York City. Hidden Sparks has a family-friendly and flexible work culture.

Interested candidates should please send a resume, and a list of workshops facilitated and/or courses taught, together with a cover letter and references to Amy Wasser, Senior Director of School Services, Prizmah Center for Jewish Day Schools amyw@prizmah.org