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Job Shadow Narrative

It was August 31st, 2016 when I did my job shadow with the director of Lindsay Unified School District facilities for my senior project. I job shadowed Merced Doria, who throughout the day was a great person to shadow and explained concepts that I might have or not known beforehand. I chose it because as I'm going to school here at Lindsay High School I would see projects going around such as a new building being built or concrete walkways being made. I'd wonder who would be the one who's in charge of that and who makes sure the workers are kept in check. As a result, I got to follow the routine of who's in charge and experience also the typical day of the position.

This job includes on-call work, which basically means you can have an agenda ready of what you have to do for that specific day and if you get a call that day having to do with something needing to be done that wasn't already in your agenda then you have to fit it in and still do the other things previously. For that reason, we had driven across the district going to wherever we were called out to and do the jobs needed to be done at the sites.

We went to schools such as Reagan, Jefferson and even LHS. At Reagan, we went to check out the campus and see the part of the sidewalk path that needed to be redone due to cracks and chips. Also, to check out the buildings in general to prepare for the Williams Act consultants the next day. We also viewed the new classrooms that were being built at Jefferson and I got hands-on experience as I was actually at the site which the buildings were being built and also the people who were in charge of the project (Electricians, construction workers, etc).

As we were at different sites and interacted with different people with various occupations Mr. Doria would explain terms or ideas that they would say to make sure I understood what they were saying. Those who I encountered during the day were very

personable people and glad I was able to meet them throughout the day. He also took me to the building where his department was and worked in, where his office was and had answered the job evaluation questions. Later towards the end of the job shadow, he also took me out to lunch which was greatly appreciated and I said thank you for the lunch and for allowing me to shadow him.

What I liked about this job was that you had to know various trades and things about subjects to be able to be a well-rounded individual for the occupation. I like this particular characteristic because not only would you be good at your job but in your personal life you'd still be able to take those qualities and use it to benefit your own life. I also liked how you get to work with different kinds of people, such as maybe for one moment you'd be talking to a teacher and the next moment you could be talking to an administrator or principal. This job would require you to be able to work with all types of people, it's necessary to be able to get along with everyone you work with. I liked also how you'd be required to move around and see different sites. I'd rather be mobile and view different sites instead of being locked inside of an office or cubicle all day.

I believe I am still interested in this job because it has a lot of characteristics that I'd want in a job. I think I would be able to get along with the different kinds of people that you'd be expected to work with. Although at times it'd seem like you'd never get a break in regards to always being on-call, I think I could handle it and be good at my job.