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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES Township of Union Public Schools M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

TO:

Greg Tatum

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Julia Vicidomini, Diane Cappiello

FROM:

Joseph Seugling

RE:

Board Agenda

DATE:

2019-08-30

Approve the acceptance of the Play Unified Grant award (Special Olympics New Jersey), in the sum of \$7,900.00, to be distributed to the following schools accordingly.

Burnet Middle School \$2,000.00 Union Senior High School \$2,900.00 Kawameeh Middle School \$1,500.00 Jefferson Elementary School \$1,500.00



August 22, 2019

Dear Diana,

Special Olympics New Jersey is pleased to award Burnet Middle School with a \$2,000 Play Unified grant for the 2019-20 school year. These funds have been made possible by generous support from the U.S. Department of Education, New Jersey State Department of Education, the PSEG Foundation and TD Bank.

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Also, please look out for upcoming emails on dates and resources to review. I am very excited to be working with you so please schedule a call or meeting soon!

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August 27, 2019

Dear Lauren,

Special Olympics New Jersey is pleased to award Union High School with a \$2,900 Play Unified grant for the 2019-20 school year. These funds have been made possible by generous support from the U.S. Department of Education, New Jersey State Department of Education, the PSEG Foundation and TD Bank.

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Dear Samantha,

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Special Olympics New Jersey 2019-2020 Play Unified Grant Commitment Form

As a Play Unified Grant recipient school, we aim to establish our school as a Unified Champion School, creating and implementing Inclusive Youth Leadership, Unified Sports and Whole School Engagement activities that promote inclusion, equality, friendships and dignity among students with and without disabilities as per the goals outlined in our grant application.

As a Unified Champion School, we intend to do the following:

- Create and provide meaningful opportunities for special education and general education students to interact with one another to build positive relationships and attitudes.
- Promote the Play Unified message of equity, acceptance and inclusion throughout the school year in order to impact and create positive change in the school climate.
- Support and assist student leaders of all abilities with their ideas to promote and grow the Unified Club and Unified Sports in their school.
- Implement activities as described in our proposal that support all three Unified Champion School components:

Unified Sports	Inclusive Youth Leadership	Whole School Engagement		
Students with and without disabilities engage in physical activities together on a Unified Sports team or through Unified PE and Recreation. Unified Sports teams train to compete in Special Olympics competitions. Unified Recreation activities can take place on the playground, sports fields/courts or in physical education classes.	Establish an inclusive club where students with and without disabilities work together to plan and conduct inclusive social, sports, volunteer, fundraising and education and awareness activities.	Organize activities, such as school pep rallies, social media campaigns, announcements, posters, assemblies, respect weeks and special events that promote the Play Unified message to the entire school and encourage students to participate and become advocates of acceptance and respect.		

As a Play Unified Grantee, we agree to:

- Establish a school or district Unified School Leadership Team
- Identify an on-site school liaison who will be primary contact with SONJ
- Read and follow spending guidelines and complete and submit expense and reimbursement paperwork on time
- Participate in or organize at least one fundraising event
- Submit monthly, midterm and final reports appropriately and on time.

School Name:	Date:		
District Name:			
UCS Liaison Name:			
Phone Number:			
Liaison Signature:			
School Administrator Signature:			
(Principal or Vice Principal)			
School Administrator Title:		Date:	

Play Unified | 2019-2020 CALENDAR*



SEPTEMBER 2019						
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September 22 Coach Traini	ng Soccer
October 16 Change the	Game Conference
October 25 NJAHPERD A	dapted PE Conference
October 26-27 Fall Games	
October 27 Unified Cup	
November 2 Unified5K Ru	n i di ili d

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November 13	Fall Central Youth Summit
November TBD	Fall South Youth Summit
November 21	Fall Northwest Youth Summit
November TBD	Fall North Youth Summit
November 16	Cool School Plunge Challenge
November 15	Fall Coach Stipends Due
December TBD	Coach Training Basketball
December 8	Jingle All The Way

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January 3	Floor Hockey & Volleyball UGD
January 4-5	Floor Hockey & Volleyball Tournaments
January 11	Polar Bear Plunge Wildwood
February 3-4	Winter Games
February 4	Winter Games UGD
February 22	Polar Bear Plunge Seaside
March TBD	Coach Training Swimming

March 8	Unified Cup Bowling
March 27	Wildwood UGD
March 27-29	Spring Games Basketball
	Spring Games Bowling
April TBD	Coach Training Track
April 5	Unified Cup Basketball
May TBD	Rutgers UGD

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May TBD	Spring N	lorth Yo	uth Sur	nmit
May 29	Stipend	Reques	its Due	

May 29	Receip	ots and	Invoices	Due
June 5-7	27 1,341	4.2		

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June 5	Summer	Games	Youth	Summit

June 30 Final Report Due

	Unified Champion School Event
	Play Unified Competitions
	Deadlines
	Special Olympics New Jersey Event
Per Contracts	Coach Training
	Fundraising/Volunteering Event

^{*}All dates are subject to change

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Monthly Rep	orts are due:
10/7/19	2/5/20
11/5/19	3/5/20
12/5/19	4/6/20
MID-TERM	5/5/20
1/6/20	FINAL
	6/29/20





