

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

TO: Dr. Gerald Benaquista

C: Marissa McKenzie, Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Yolanda Koon, Kim Conti, Bernadette Watson, Diane Cappiello

FROM: Joseph Seugling



RE: Board Agenda

DATE: 2025-07-31

Approve acceptance of the grants awarded as listed below from Special Olympics New Jersey - Unified Champion Schools 2025-2026.

(a) Union Senior High School	\$3,500.00
(b) Burnet Middle School	\$1,500.00
(c) Kawameeh Middle School	\$1,000.00
(d) Washington Elementary School	\$700.00

Katie Telschow

Tue, Jul 29, 9:16 AM (23 hours ago)

to me, Jaclyn

Good morning,



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Attached is the award letter that is sent to each school, Union schools were awarded the following funding:
Union High School - \$3,500

Burnet Middle School - \$1,500

Kawameeh Middle School - \$1,000

Washington Elementary School - \$700

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Katie Telschow (*she/her/hers*)

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2025-26 Unified Champion Schools® (UCS) Grant

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School Name: **Union High School**
District: **Township of Union Public Schools**
Award Amount: **3500**

School Liaison Name: **Lauren Kohn**
Signature: *Lauren Kohn*
Date: **6/9/25**

Chief School Administrator (or designee) Name:
Title:
Signature:
Date:

Business Administrator Name:
Signature:
Date:

SONJ Representative Name:
Signature:
Date:



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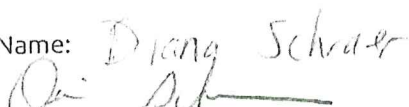
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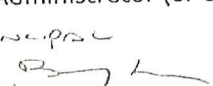
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School Name: Burnet Middle School
District: Township of Union
Award Amount: \$1500.00

School Liaison Name: Diana Schaefer
Signature: 
Date: 5/27/25

Chief School Administrator (or designee) Name: Ben Kuc
Title: Principal
Signature: 
Date: 5/27/25

Business Administrator Name:
Signature:
Date:



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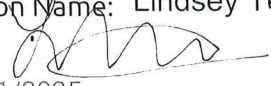
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School Name: Kawameeh Middle School
District: Township of Union Public Schools
Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School Liaison Name: Lindsey Tennen
Signature: 
Date: 8/11/2025

Chief School Administrator (or designee) Name:
Title:
Signature:
Date:

Business Administrator Name:
Signature:
Date:



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School Name: Washington Elementary School

District: Township of Union

Award Amount: \$700.00

School Liaison Name: Laura Bonomo

Signature: *Laura Bonomo*

Date: 6/9/2025

Chief School Administrator (or designee) Name: Kelly Piano

Title: Principal

Signature: *Kelly Piano*

Date: 6/9/2025

Business Administrator Name:

Signature: *Christine Krone*

Date: 6/9/2025

SONJ Representative Name:

Signature:

Date:

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