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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

January 28, 2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Approve Simon Kenton becoming a Special Olympics Unified Champion School.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

Policy 9.32

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Simon Kenton has had unified activities and sports within the school for several years. We have also started the initiative of inclusion throughout the school. Currently we have Bridge Club, a club that is designed to connect students with disabilities and their peers, Unified Bowling, Unified Track and adaptive guard. In March 2020, we will be having a week designated to the movement of Inclusion and will have different activities set up throughout the entire school to promote awareness that everyone belongs. In fall 2020, the Drama Club and Bridge Club will be coordinating an all-inclusive theatre performance, to showcase the different abilities of our student body.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no cost to the school or district but becoming a Unified Champions School offers the opportunity for grants to the school.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approving Simon Kenton as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School.

CONTACT PERSON:

Nicole Young (Special Education Teacher, Bridge Club Sponsor, Unified Track Coach)

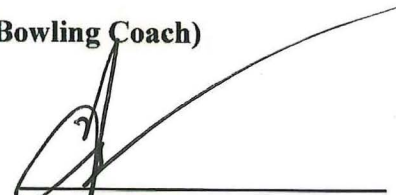
Nicole.young@kenton.kyschools.us

Theresa Nichter (Special Education Instructional Assistant (Unified Bowling Coach)

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Principal


District Administrator


Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

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Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools

WHAT IS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS?

Unified Champion Schools (UCS) is a school-based program which brings youth with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) together through sports, education, and awareness activities. UCS is built upon the premise that in order to have the greatest impact, the change process needs to start with young people. All Unified School strategies focus on creating and sustain a positive school climate that values and manifests appropriate and effective engagements leading to inclusion, acceptance, respect, and human dignity. **The program is available for all levels from Elementary through College!**

UNIFIED SPORTS

Fully inclusive program that combines students with and without an intellectual disabilities on the same sports team. Unified Sports provides valuable sports opportunities to individuals with intellectual disabilities who may not be presently involved with their schools sports team.

WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Students of all abilities and ages have the power to positively impact their school communities by promoting social inclusion. With tools such as Spread the Word to End the Word, Fans in the Stands, and Unified Sports, youth raise awareness and begin creating an education environment where respect and acceptance are the norm and all students feel included and engaged.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Inclusive youth leadership offers opportunities for young people of all abilities to be leaders in their schools and communities by promoting equality and acceptance. These leadership activities help students with and without ID find their voices by teaching them to become change agents striving for respect and inclusion.

KENTUCKY UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS CONTACT:

Karen Michalak-Parsley - Director of Unified Champion Schools

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7,600+

Number of Schools in the United States
actively engaging in Unified activities

80+

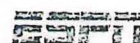
Number of Active Schools in Kentucky
engaging in Unified activities

50+

Number of KHSAA Unified Sports
schools in Kentucky



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Special Olympics
Unified Sports

2019-2020 Program Acknowledgement & Grant Funding Request Form

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This application is a formal expression of your school's commitment to inclusion, acceptance and respect of all students through the implementation of the Unified Schools Strategy.

Please complete the entire form and
return to:

Special Olympics Kentucky
Attn: Unified Champion Schools
105 Lakeview Ct.
Frankfort, KY 40601

You may also email to:

kparsley@soky.org

Questions? Please Contact:

Karen Parsley

kparsley@soky.org / 502-326-5002 ext.202

Part 1: Contact Information

School Name: Simon Kenton High School District: Kenton County
 School Liaison Name: Nicole Young School Enrollment #: 1800
 Name of School Administrator approving application: John Hopham
 School Address: 11132 Madison Pike
 City: Intertown Zip: 41051 County: Kenton
 Email: nicole.young@kentonschools.kyschools.us School Phone: 859-960-0100

Program Level: (Please complete separate form for each school if registering as a district)

☐ Preschool

☐ Elementary School

☐ Middle School

☒ High School

Part 2: Projected Participation / School Impact Numbers

PROJECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS		
	Number of Students Participating in each of the below areas:	
	Unified Sports	Youth Leadership
# of Athletes Participating (Special Education students)	15	3
# of Partners Participating (General Education students)	30	8
Total Number of Faculty Advisors*:	10	

* Ideally a Faculty Advisory Team will include one General Education teacher, one ECE teacher, one PE/APE/Coach and an Administrative staff member. These adults will assist Unified Student Leaders in facilitating the program.

Part 3: UCS Components

UNIFIED SPORTS (check all that fit your school environment)

- ☐ Young Athletes (inclusive sports program for individuals 2 – 7 years of age to build social, cognitive, and physical skills)
- ☒ Unified *Recreation* Model (promote social inclusion and increase sports skills in a non-competitive environment)
- ☒ Unified *Player Development* Model (teammates of higher ability serve as mentors to assist players of lower ability)
- ☐ Unified *Competitive* Model (teammates of similar ability and age who train and compete together)

Check the sports your school plans to participate in:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unified Track and Field through the KHSAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unified Bowling through the KHSAA	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Soccer
<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Flag Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Strength and Conditioning
<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Bocce	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Cheerleading	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Recreation / P.E.
<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Adaptive Guard students with & without ID</i>	

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Is your school interested in attending a UCS Youth Leadership Summit? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Summits are offered at various times and locations throughout the year.)

Do you plan to have a Unified Youth Leadership Committee/Club? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Advisor Name (if different than Unified Liaison):

Email:

Phone:

Anticipated Number of Club/Committee Members in each of the categories below:

of Special Education Students: *3*

of General Education Students: *8*

WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Student leaders are encouraged to conduct a few school-wide activities that impact the entire school community. Of the examples listed below, what initiatives do you see implementing throughout the year?

<input type="checkbox"/> Poster contest to promote Inclusion Campaign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spread the Word/Respect/R-word Campaign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability Awareness Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Fans in the Stands	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Sports P.E. Curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Learning Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Polar Plunge and/or Truck/Plane Pull	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Sports Expo Game / Field Day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respect or Awareness Week
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies that Move – video discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> It's Our School Too – skit	<input type="checkbox"/> Respect Rally or Unified Sports Rally
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser for Unified Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Part 4: Agreement

By completing this application, we are pleased you recognize the positive impact of Unified Champion Schools initiatives have on your campus to create a school climate of social inclusion, acceptance, and respect for all.

As a UCS school you are agreeing to the following:

1. **The formation of a UCS Advisory Team** (as outlined on Page 1) and identify one individual to serve as the Lead Liaison between your school and the Special Olympics Kentucky State Office.
2. **With the assistance of the Advisory Team, students will lead the program and participate in working towards implementing one or more of the three Checked Unified Champion Schools components below during the 2019-2020 school year:**

- ☒ **UNIFIED SPORTS:** Develop and implement a minimum of one Unified Sports activity or event.
- ☒ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP:** Form an inclusive campus student leadership team and implement a Unified Club to encourage Unified student leadership development. *(Participation in Youth Summits are highly encouraged)*
- ☒ **WHOLE SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Develop and host at least one activity or event that encourages all students to participate (i.e. Spread the Word to End the Word/Respect Week or Unified Sports Days)

3. Provide **updates** to SOKY staff regarding campus activities via email, phone, or social media.
4. Complete mid-year and year-end **UCS activity participation surveys**, administered by SOKY staff.
5. Complete the spring **Unified Champion Schools liaison survey** administered by UMass Boston.
 - a. Survey will be sent to school liaison listed on page 1. This person should be able to provide the most knowledge of UCS activities taking place as a whole on your school's campus.
6. If requesting grant funds, **complete the attached Budget and Funding Request form**. Copies of receipts for all **USED** funds must be kept on file at the school and made available to Special Olympics Kentucky upon request.

*All **UNUSED** funds must be returned to Special Olympics Kentucky by May 31st.*
7. Seek support from SOKY Staff in implementing the program. **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

Further, you understand that Special Olympics Kentucky staff will provide your UCS School the following support:

1. SOKY consultation, education, support, and technical assistance for school-based UCS activities.
2. Resources and equipment for specific UCS activities, including Unified Sports, R-Word/Respect Week campaigns, youth leadership events and Young Athletes Kits.
3. Opportunities to apply for additional funding for original, youth-driven UCS projects.
4. Ongoing advisor and youth leader training opportunities, including Unified Coach training.
5. Guidance regarding SOKY and Unified Champion Schools policies, procedures, manuals, forms etc.
6. Clear, consistent communication from SOKY regarding these opportunities, resources, and support.

Signatures:

School Unified Liaison: X. Michele Mary Date: 1/21/20

School Administrator: X. John W Pappas Date: 1-21-20



2019 – 2020 BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUEST

School:

Simon Kenton High School

Maximum Funding Request Levels

- New Schools and Returning schools implementing all three UCS Components: up to \$1,500
- Returning schools implementing two UCS Components or two Unified Sports: up to \$1,000
- Returning schools implementing one UCS Component: up to \$500

Note: you may apply for any amount up to the maximum listed for your applicable level.

Please do your best to anticipate your needs for the school year and keep receipts for all items purchased!

Budget Line Item*	Amount Requested per Component			Amount Match/In-kind (amount contributed by the school)	Justification (Briefly explain why your request is necessary and include quantities when appropriate.)
	Sports	Leadership	Whole School Engagement		
Supplies	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Equipment (including team uniforms)	100.00				re-usable water bottles for athletes,
Transportation					
Facility Rental					
Awards	121.44 50.00				Medals for track + bowling
Stipends					
SOKY League Fees / Other Athletic Fees					
Other:					
TOTALS:	\$	\$	\$	\$	

To be completed by SOKY Staff:

Number of participating school years: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩+

Actual Number of Participants				Grant Amount Approved
Advisors	Unified Sports	Leadership	Whole School	
				\$

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM FUND?

Grant funds support projects and activities that create **repeated, meaningful and sustainable inclusive sports, social and education opportunities**. All projects and activities must aim to engage students with and without disabilities of similar ages and numbers as equal partners, teammates, classmates and peers. Focus should be placed on activities that bring students together regularly in nearly equal ratios, or as close as possible, so they can form relationships and meaningful interactions.

Grants are made possible primarily from funds provided by the United States Department of Education and therefore, are subject to strict spending guidelines.

Unspent grant funds must be returned to Special Olympics Kentucky by May 31st!

Approved Budget Line Item Definitions	
Supplies	Office type supplies, sign materials, art supplies, meeting materials, photo printing, special event t-shirts (must receive SOKY approval).
Equipment	Team uniforms, reusable water bottles and sport equipment (except footwear) related directly to Unified sports. Bowling shoe rental is an acceptable expense and can be included in this line item.
Transportation	Approved travel related directly to UCS activities and unified sports. Mileage reimbursement, bus rental, train fare, parking fees.
Facility Rental	The cost to rent venues to hold events that are directly related to approved UCS activities or unified sports.
Awards	Trophies, medals, plaques, special graduation tassels or cords for unified athletes and partners.
Stipends	Wages for teachers, coaches, and school staff supporting UCS programming outside of the normal school day. Amounts may vary per school and each school should modify to what would be sustainable for your school to fund in future years.
SOKY League Fees or Other Athletic Fees	Fees charged by Special Olympics Kentucky to participate in Unified Sports or fees charged by the school or high school athletic association to participate in Unified Sports.

When preparing your application, please keep in mind funds **cannot** be used for the following:

- Any activity that includes only students with disabilities or only students without disabilities.
- Food other than **PRE-APPROVED** snacks/lunches during a unified sports competition, leadership club/council meeting or youth summit event.
- Fees for assembly speakers or presentations.
- Footwear (i.e. athletic shoes for a sports team).
- Arts and crafts activities not directly related to inclusive club/community or sport initiatives.
- Purchase of items to be sold for fundraising efforts.
- Electronics (i.e. computers, cameras, tablets)

NOTE: Special Olympics Kentucky (SOKY) will work with your school to establish the appropriate distribution method(s) for your approved funds. This may include direct invoicing by providers to SOKY, upfront funding or reimbursement.