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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

October 22, 2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve grant application/agreement with Special Olympics, Kentucky for Simon Kenton High School's Unified Champion Schools program involvement for the 2020-21 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 – Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Simon Kenton has Unified Bowling and Unified Track and Field Sports Teams and have maintained these programs for several years. We have also started the initiative of inclusion throughout the school. Currently, we have Bridge Club, designed to connect students with disabilities and their peers, Unified Bowling, Unified Track, and adaptive guard. This school year we will implement an Inclusion Week to spread awareness and the Bridge and Drama clubs will coordinate an inclusive theatre performance to showcase our students' talents.

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:

Approval of grant application/agreement with Special Olympics, Kentucky for Simon Kenton High School's Unified Champion Schools program involvement for the 2020-21 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

Theresa Nichter

Principal/Administrator

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.

Kenton County Board of Education

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2020-2021 Program Acknowledgement & Grant Funding Request Form

Special
Olympics
Kentucky



Special Olympics
**Unified Champion
Schools**

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 (required)

School Name: Simon Kenton High School	District: Kenton County
School Liaison Name: Theresa Nichter	Total School Enrollment #: 1800
Name of School Administrator approving application: Craig Reinhart	
School Address: 11132 Madison Pike	
City: Independence	Zip: 41051
Email: theresa.nichter@kenton.kyschools.us	School Phone: 859-960-0100

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

☐ K-8 ☐ K-12 ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☒ High School

Part 2: Projected Participation / School Impact Numbers (required)

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	15
# of Partners Participating (General Education students)	15	15
Total Number of Faculty Advisors*:	4	

* 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



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Participation in Youth Leadership is a requirement to be a Unified Champion School. This requirement can either be met by having an Inclusive Youth Leadership Committee/team or Unified Club and/or by attending a Youth Summit. Contact Karen for information about upcoming summits at kparsley@soky.org

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): Valerie Gore

Email: valerie.gore@kenton.kyschools.us

Phone: 859-960-0231

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

of Special Education Students: 10
Students:

of General Education 10

Note: Enter '0' for number in club if not applicable

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unified Sports P.E. Curriculum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Service Learning Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOKY Polar Plunge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unified Sports Exhibition Game / Field Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respect or Awareness Week
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOKY Truck/ Plane Pull	<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		Other:		

SOKY = Special Olympics Kentucky



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 Track through SOKY	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Bowling through SOKY	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Fitness Club (ex: Fit 5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Bocce	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Cheerleading	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified P.E. Curriculum
<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Flag Football
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

Please list coaches (if known)

Name: Theresa Nichter

Sport: Unified Bowling

Email: theresa.nichter@kenton.kyschools.us

Name: Lyndsey McCullers

Sport: Unified Track

Email: lyndsey.mccullers@kenton.kyschools.us

Name:

Sport:

Email:

Required Coach Trainings: (Click the links below or access via our SOKY UCS Resources Page)

- Take the Free NFHS "Coaching Unified Sports" Online Training Course
- Read the NFHS Resource Guide for Administering Special Olympics Unified Sports at the High School level
- Take the "Introduction to Autism and Instructional Strategies for Coaching" online course (suggested)

Note:

- If participating in Unified Sports through SOKY, you will be contacted to complete additional SOKY specific training.
- If participating in KHSAA Bowling or Track & Field, please complete the sport specific KHSAA required coach trainings, in addition to the trainings listed above.

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 checked Unified Champion Schools components below during the school year:**
 - ☒ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP (REQUIRED):** Form an inclusive campus student leadership team or implement a Unified Club to encourage Unified student leadership development. *(Participation in Youth Summits is 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)
 - ☒ **UNIFIED SPORTS:** Develop and implement a minimum of one Unified Sports activity or event.
Note: Coaches training requirements found on page 3
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 (Optional but preferred)
 - 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 by November 15th. 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.
7. Guidance on National Banner requirements and information.

Signatures:

School Unified Liaison: X.



Date: 10/21/20

School Administrator Name:

Email:

Please note SOKY Staff will send application confirmation to administrator as confirmation of school participation.

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 and may not be guaranteed year to year.

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, Spread the Word t-shirts for your leadership team (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.
Awards	Trophies, medals, plaques, special graduation tassels or cords for unified athletes and partners.
Stipends (suggested \$500 per person)	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.
- No food other than **PRE-APPROVED** snacks during a unified sports competition.
- 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)
- Shirts or clothing other than pre-approved Spread the Word t-shirts for leadership team.

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.

2020 – 2021 BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUEST

DUE NOVEMBER 15TH, 2020

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			Justification (REQUIRED) (Briefly explain why your request is necessary and include quantities when appropriate.)
	Sports	Leadership	Whole School	
Supplies	\$	\$250	\$250	spread the word and club supplies
Equipment (including team uniforms)	800			bowling and track uniforms, reusable water bottles
Transportation				
Awards	200			
Stipends				
SOKY League Fees / Other Athletic Fees				
Other:				
Column Totals:	\$ 1000	\$ 250	\$ 250	TOTAL REQUESTED: \$ 1500

If applicable:

Please list total amount matched or contributed by your school to your UCS program/club/activities: \$ _____

To be completed by SOKY Staff: Number of participating school years: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩+

Grant Amount Approved: \$ _____