



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools**

FROM: Jeanne Keane, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds

RE: PTO Donation to Holmes ES

DATE: February 4, 2020

Summary

The Holmes PTO would like to make a \$9,000.00 donation to the school. This donation will be used to offset a portion of the cost associated with the Leader in Me program being implemented at Holmes. Leader in Me has begun to transform the school climate and culture, and Principal Zelaya is seeing tremendous benefits of the program.

This is Holmes third year of implementing the Leader in Me philosophy. The yearly cost is \$10,350.00. This cost covers staff training as well as access to classroom material. In past years, Holmes used Title One funds, as we received school-wide Title One funding. This school-year we did not qualify for school-wide status and therefore cannot use Title One funds for this expenditure.

The PTO has a budget surplus. The Holmes community was surveyed as to how best to use these funds and the results show approval for allocating the funds to continue the Leader in Me program.

Administration will be seeking board approval for the donation and/ or disposal of these books on February 18, 2020.