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TO: Keevin O'Neill, Superintendent
Vicksburg Board of Education

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2017-2018 COMMUNITY EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Below is the overview of the Community Education highlights.

Programs and activities in community recreation continue to be well attended. We offered various summer camps that were enjoyed by the students in our district as well as surrounding communities. The basketball and volleyball camps that are held during the winter and spring provide athletic opportunities for young students to learn and improve skills. The art classes offered throughout the school year have proven to be a popular after school activity for many elementary students. The various karate classes available for families, youth, and adults have grown in class size over the past year. We also host Busy Bodies fitness classes at Tobey and a new Cardio Drumming class is being held at Sunset Lake.

The youth dance program had another successful year with three nights of classes available during the week. This year brings some change in leadership- with the resignation of the previous director, 2 seasoned instructors will be sharing responsibilities as program co-directors. We have confidence that these ladies will do an excellent job instructing and leading the dance and tumbling group as we move into another great year.

Kids Klub Before and After School Child Care finished its 25th season of operation with over 270 students participating. We had some staff changes throughout the year, but they all continue to bring their ideas and energy each day to make this program a fun experience for those children attending. Summer Kids Klub was a huge success again. We had over 90 students enrolled throughout the summer! Each week was special with different themes, activities, and trips to Binder Park Zoo, The Alligator Sanctuary, Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery, Vicksburg Community Library, and Appleknockers for ice cream!

Bulldog Beginnings Preschool finished its fourth year of having three classrooms. Forty-eight children had a preschool experience Monday through Friday for 31 weeks.

More than 1,000 Vicksburg students visited the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) last year for seasonal visits.

The Community Education Office schedules all facility usage and rentals for the District. We schedule rental requests from the surrounding areas when space is available. Dyncal provides us with the resources for scheduling and for users/viewers to follow the school year activities by viewing calendar events on the school website. We also distribute all flyers and forms for the various programs/activities that are being offered to our families in the district.

The District's 2017 United Way Campaign contributed \$11,244. The donations were designated to local groups and directly benefited our community.

The 31th Annual Hearty Hustle 5K Walk/Run was held on May 12th with 230 participants that ran or walked into the Vicksburg Stadium despite the rainy weather. The Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation has provided planning leadership and race day support in this successful community event. It's a fun event for all ages!

The annual Community Tailgate was held on August 30th. This year we had several new sponsors including the new DeNooyer Ford dealership and Paper City Development. We had beautiful weather and community members enjoyed plenty of hotdogs, ice cream bars, and other fun treats. This event continues to be well attended and provides a great way to kick off the new school year!