

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

DATE: MAY 18, 2015
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: KATHY PALM, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ADMIN. SERVICES
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

COMMENTS:

Type of Grant: Local Foundation

Title of Grant: Horace May Inclusive Playground Project

Granter: Affinity Plus Foundation, Cultivator Grant

Grant Preparer: Ami Aalgaard, Horace May Principal

Amount of Grant: \$1,000

District Responsibility: Serve as fiscal agent

Purpose: A huge part of our practice is inclusion of all our children. Children learn many life lessons through play. We have concentrated our fundraising efforts to center around creating an Inclusive Playground for all of our Horace May Huskies. We have had wonderful support from T&K Outdoors with our "pour & play" paths, which make the supportive swings and Ominispin accessible to all of our children. We raised just over \$10,000 dollars last year to get the first steps of our inclusive playground started.

We are now working to raise an additional \$21,000 for a SwayFun inclusive play station. These pieces of equipment are designed for side-by-side play which is just awesome! We currently have a "Go Fund Me" campaign in place, which has generated a few hundred dollars to date and we have some future Parent-Teacher Organization events in the works through next fall. However, we are in need of reaching out to our community to help us raise the phase three funds for a "SwayFun".