THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL

KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

To: Kenilworth 38 School Board of Education
From: Mrs. Kendra Wallace, Principal
Date: June 12, 2015
RE: Additional JSSPVA Funds

I respectfully request the approval of additional JSSPVA allocations. After the budget meeting and presentations from Joseph Sears School faculty, the JSSPVA's generosity expands one area of request and enhances our offerings and opportunities in Physical Education.

1. 21st Century Learning Makers Space. A maker's space is a project-based space integrated with technology and the elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). These spaces allow students to create and integrate, invent and apply learning and thinking through creating and inventing. To learn some more about Makerspace I am including a link to an article , a short video (please ignore the sales pitch at the end), one more video and one final video (and one more if you want more). The JSSPVA has approved funds to launch a maker's space at The Joseph Sears School.

2. Looking at opportunities to integrate Social Emotional Learning and provide unique and life long learning opportunities. We currently have a traverse wall for our students and we would like to expand this to a rock climbing wall and an Indoor Ropes Adventure. These course are present in multiple schools in and outside the township and provide an opportunity for students to over come fears, work together as teams and build core strength and self confidence. JSSPVA approved funds to extend the rock wall and install the ropes course.

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