

Play Unified School Partnership

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Dear MaryPat,

On behalf of Special Olympics New Jersey, I am pleased to inform you that North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional School District has been awarded a \$10,000 Play Unified grant for the 2017-2018 school year. These funds have been made possible by a generous grant from the U.S. Department of Education, New Jersey State Department of Education and the PSEG Foundation.

This year we received an unprecedented number of grant requests, reflecting the success and importance of the work we are doing to create meaningful opportunities for all students to be part of their school communities. Our goal is to provide resources to as many schools as possible that meet the Play Unified guidelines. Therefore, we have had to reduce projected funding levels in order to support a greater number of schools. Please know that we will continue our fundraising efforts throughout the year with the intention of offering additional resources in the Spring 2018 if funds are available.

As we celebrate the growth of the Unified movement throughout the state, we gather increasing evidence of the positive impact the Unified Sports and Youth Leadership programs are bringing to our students and schools. We ask you to partner with us in this fundraising and sustainability effort to keep the Unified movement alive in your school and district. This year, create opportunities for your youth leaders and educators to share the positive outcomes these activities bring to your students and school community in order to engage district administrators, school board members, educators, students, families and the greater community in finding ways to sustain your Unified Champion School programs.

The grant will be distributed amongst the following schools to support Unified Club, Unified Sports, whole school engagement and inclusive physical education activities:

- North Hunterdon High School
- Voorhees High School

Please return the [2017-2018 Play Unified School Partnership Commitment Form](#) found by clicking here as soon as possible. The link will take you to a page where you will fill in the name and email of the Liaison and School or District Administrator. Complete this page and the Commitment Form will come up next for you to sign. Should you have any questions about the Commitment Form and/or the Play Unified School Partnership, do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you and your school this year!

Sincerely,
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