

# Academy Park Elementary School

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Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Community Council and students of Academy Park Elementary in West Valley City, Utah to request your assistance in providing a safe, bully-free learning environment for our students. For the past three years we have partnered with Playworks, a national organization dedicated to creating recess and play environments where all kids feel included, stay active, and build valuable social and emotional skills. Unfortunately, for the coming school year our funding sources have been greatly reduced and we are unable to continue this valuable partnership without additional local support. Yet, the need for such a program continues to be vital to our community as more than 60% of our students are below the poverty level and nearly one third do not speak English at home.

It has been evident over the past three years to our Community Council, teachers, parents, and students themselves that Playworks has transformed our school culture by providing expert mentoring via an onsite recess coach. Behavior incidents have been greatly reduced, children are more inclusive and vigorous in their play, and recess has become a productive part of the school day as students return to the classroom with minds and bodies ready to learn. For more information about Playworks and its mission you are invited to access the website [playworks.org/Utah](http://playworks.org/Utah).

I request your support for our children by donating specifically toward the cost of keeping Playworks at our school. This funding will provide a recess coach full time for one week per month for the entire school year. In exchange, and as our way to thank you for your support, we invite you to experience the benefits of Playworks at our school once school resumes in September. Feel free to stop by to participate in recess at any time. We will also happily promote your business within our school community in whatever ways are most appropriate.

To make your contribution, please visit our school website at [schools.graniteschools.org/academypark](http://schools.graniteschools.org/academypark) where you will find a link to donate to our school via the Granite Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps ensure educational equity for all children in Granite School District. They have graciously offered to facilitate your donation so it can be easily received by the school and be tax deductible for you or your business. Please select a donation amount that works for you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please know that your donation will ensure that the children of Academy Park enjoy ongoing safe, purposeful, and healthy play every day they come to school. I am happy to discuss this partnership opportunity further with you at your convenience. I can be reached by phone or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Longberg".

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