



## PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

### Requests for PTO Funding 2017-18

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Any teacher, parent, or student who has a request for funds from the PTO must fill out this form. Please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible, providing supporting detail and information. When completed, please return to the administration at either school by **Monday, October 23, 2017**.

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#### 1. Define your request:

The fifth and sixth grade team is seeking money to purchase 115 copies of the book, *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*, by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. This true story explains how two very different teens, one from Pennsylvania and the other from Zimbabwe, became best friends through a six-year correspondence. This memoir explains how one random, global connection inspired them to be better people.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like our students to read this book together, and hopefully coordinate a time to skype with the authors.

#### 2. Amount requested:

\$10 (paperback cost) x 115 (103 students + 12 teachers) = **\$1150 total amount requested**

#### 3. Can this project be funded in stages? If yes, what timetable is involved? If no, please explain your due date for funds.

No. We would like to order the books no later than January 2018, to give the students adequate time to read the book, and also provide a large window to coordinate a skype session with the authors.

#### 4. Has this request been reviewed by the school administration? What was their response as to its merit and priority?

Yes, Dr. Sukenik has approved this request.

#### 5. Number of Students that will be impacted or benefit from your request:

103 fifth and sixth graders (and more if we continue to read the book in the future)

#### 6. Is this a one-time request or do you envision needing additional PTO funds in the future or long range? If you will require additional PTO funds, please explain why this cannot be added into your annual budget.

One-time request

- 7. What is the intended goal of your request? Would it have any other uses or applications? Is this a start up program or is it enhancing an existing program? Use additional paper if needed.**

The goal would be to supplement our students' existing school experience with a book that encourages global awareness, kindness, and the power of written communication. This quote from the end pages of the book sums up its benefit, "Their story will inspire you to look beyond your own life and wonder about the world at large and your place in it."

- 8. What are the long range benefits of your request?**

Our hope is that this story sticks with the children for years to come.

- 9. If you are requesting a capital asset/investment, please provide a minimum of two options/pricing quotes on the item and attach to this form. Please identify your first choice and why.**

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- 10. Have you exhausted all other funding options before coming to the PTO Gifts Program?**

Yes