



## PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

### Requests for PTO Funding 2022-2023

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Any teacher, parent, student, or community member 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.

Please email the completed form to the PTO President-Elect ([president\\_elect@district29pto.org](mailto:president_elect@district29pto.org)) by **Friday, October 28, 2022**.

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**Name:**

**Role (Teacher/Parent/Student/Community Member):**

**Benefiting School:**

#### 1. Define your request:

I am requesting the purchase of five Wenger FlipForm risers for the Music/Drama program at Middlefork School. FlipForms are versatile, multi-position platforms for elementary music rooms or theaters. They can be folded into seated, standing or platform positions, are lightweight and contain pocket hand grips and recessed wheels for easy moving and storage. In the classroom, five FlipForms will: provide an invaluable tool for teaching performance and audience etiquette, allow an entire class to safely stand in traditional choral formation, serve as a stage for in-class or theater performances, serve as a bench or instrument stand and allow students in the rear of the classroom to have better visibility of the teacher and front-of-room presentations. When necessary, these FlipForms can be shared with colleagues and easily moved or stored standing straight up to maximize instructional space. A set of five FlipForm risers will enhance every music and drama class. providing a tool for performance decorum, classroom safety and social emotional engagement among students.

The website for the FlipForms, with additional information and very helpful pictures is <https://shop.wengercorp.com/education/flipforms.html>

#### 2. Amount requested:

\$6207.06

Risers = \$5645

Shipping = \$529

Tax (?) = \$33.06

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

This can be funded in stages (one or two risers at a time) but my preference would be to purchase the risers as a group of five so they can be used with students right away and so they all age together.

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

Yes, I reviewed this proposal with Mrs. Kiedaisch and she was in favor of going forward. She was familiar with the risers and had used them in the music room in her previous school.

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

ALL students at Middlefork School will use these risers for years, so this generous gift would literally impact thousands of children.

**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.**

I see this as a 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 notes section on last page if needed.**

The intended goal of this request is to provide a colorful, engaging, safe area for music and drama students, that allows for versatility by design, usable in place of chairs as staging, seating, for centers and classroom/student organization. These risers can be used as a stage, as seating, as table space and as organizational space. The platforms can be used by other teachers and staff within the school and they'd be a wonderful enhancement to our programs.

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

Five FlipForm risers will directly benefit every student at Middlefork School as well as enhance the music and drama curriculum. First, these stable, low standing risers will greatly promote students' sense of stability, allowing them to focus on singing, acting or choreography. Second, these risers help develop student self confidence through singing in close proximity to other singers. Third, having the students sing on risers puts them in a performance mindset and better prepares them for school performances. Finally having the students on risers in close proximity greatly supports classroom management; placing the teacher closer to every student.

Additional beneficiaries of the FlipForms are the other teachers and staff in the school. Since the FlipForms are mobile, other classes could easily utilize them for classroom performances, plays or even student presentations. A single platform could provide a student, principal or presenter an elevated position to maximize their visibility and projectibility and provide a physical space to promote a presentation mindset.

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

These risers are made and distributed by Wenger Corp. They are sold through other companies usually for the same price or higher. I feel most comfortable purchasing them from the company that designed them, rather than through a third party. They can also be bought used, but I'd rather purchase them new, due to potential safety issues and wanting them to all "age" together. The cost breaks down as follows:

Risers = \$5645  
Shipping = \$529  
Tax (?) = \$33.06  
TOTAL = 6207.06

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

**Additional Notes:**

