



PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

Requests for PTO Funding 2021-2022

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.

Please email the completed form to the PTO President-Elect (president_elect@district29pto.org) by **Monday, November 15, 2021**.

Name: Jennifer Kiedaisch

Role (Teacher/Parent/Community Member): Principal

Benefitting School:

1. Define your request:

I am requesting an indoor/outdoor portable GaGa Ball Pit with an ADA compliant gate primarily for use at recess. GaGa Ball impacts children's development by teaching them all about agility and improving their motor skills. By playing the game, kids can improve their jumping, dodging, and running skills. GaGa Ball is beneficial for a child's social development due to its inclusive nature. Even children who aren't the most athletic can play and feel confident in themselves since the game's rules and instructions are relatively easy to follow. Traditional recess sports and activities usually rely on a team tactic, where children pick and choose who they want to participate on their teams. Instead, GaGa Ball gives every child the opportunity to feel good about themselves because there are no teams involved.

2. 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.

I am not sure if it can be funded in stages.

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

I have discussed its merits with classroom teachers, the school counselor, the Physical Education teacher and Corey Dreher, and they all agreed with the merits.

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

All the students, including our students in wheelchairs

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.

This is 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 paper if needed.

I described the goals for the GaGa Ball Pit in the first question. While it would primarily serve as an excellent outside recess option, it will also be used inside for an introduction to the game rules in Physical Education class and it could be used for indoor recess in the gym during the winter months. This equipment would enhance our current recess equipment.

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

Physical and social-emotional learning development for all students, friendships and less conflicts at recess over being "bored" or engaging in competitive games

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.

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

I could use my school budget for this equipment, but I would rather not because of the expense. This piece of equipment is not an educational need but more of a "want."