



October 28, 2020

Dear Heidi:

Special Olympics New Jersey is pleased to award High Bridge Middle School a Unified Champion Schools grant of \$3,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. These funds have been made possible by the generous support of the United States Department of Education, the New Jersey Department of Education, Rowan University, PSE&G, and TD Bank.

This year, as you are well aware, is expected to be like no other. However, in the midst of COVID19 and the seemingly insurmountable issues that our schools are facing, UCS has experienced an exciting growth and expansion in schools and districts across the state. Clearly, New Jersey educators recognize how devastating isolation can be – particularly for students with disabilities. Meaningful and inclusive opportunities will facilitate positive social and emotional experiences and success for all students.

This year, SONJ has created a department that is specifically designed for programming in K-12 schools. The Department of Inclusive Education has a staff that is experienced in education and UCS and is here to assist you and provide you with any support you may need as you start, sustain, improve, and expand programs in the virtual and real worlds. We strive to ensure that UCS is inclusive and collaborative in every way.

Please sign, scan, and return the attached UCS partnership commitment form to me at [cjm@sonj.org](mailto:cjm@sonj.org). Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your leadership, commitment, and dedication to equity and inclusion.

Welcome to 2020-2021! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Marano'.

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