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May 18, 2015

Iowa-Grant Playground Fund
498 County Road IG
Livingston, Wisconsin 53554

Attn: Holly Allen (Treasurer),

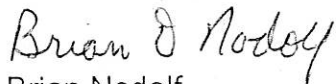
Dear Ms. Allen,

The Board of Directors of the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation has considered your grant application for funding support of new playground equipment for the Iowa-Grant Middle School.

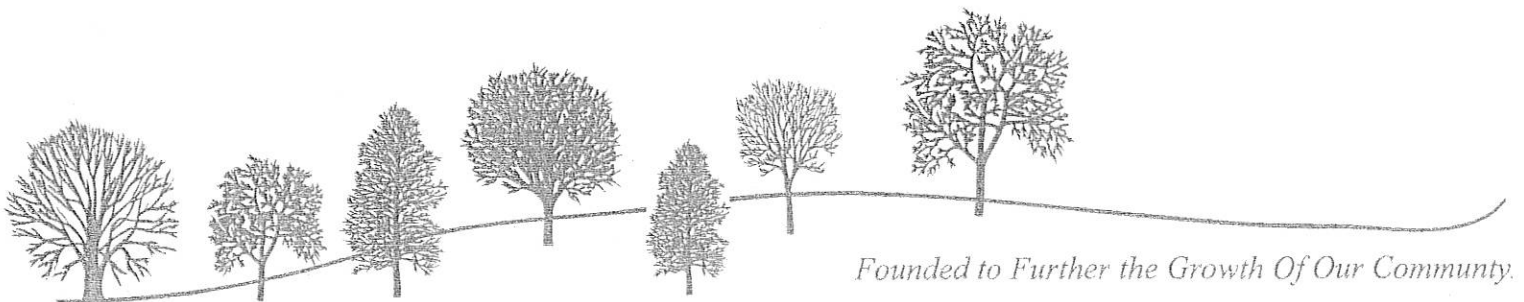
The grant request was not approved, however it will be reconsidered at the next meeting. You do not have to submit a new application, or any additional information about the project. We will advise you of the decision after the reconsideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brian Nodolf
President



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GRANT APPLICATION

*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: April 11, 2015

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Iowa-Grant Playground Fund
(a small group formed from need of IGEMS PTC)

Address 498 County IG

City, State, Zip Livingston, WI 53554

Phone 608-943-6313 x1010

Person Responsible for the Grant Holly Allen

Position in the Organization Treasurer, Member

Organization's Purpose The IGEMS Playground Fund was established with support of the IGEMS PTC. Funds are being raised for new playground equipment, since several pieces of the current equipment is in need of replacement or repair. We want to provide a safe, fun place for our students to play.

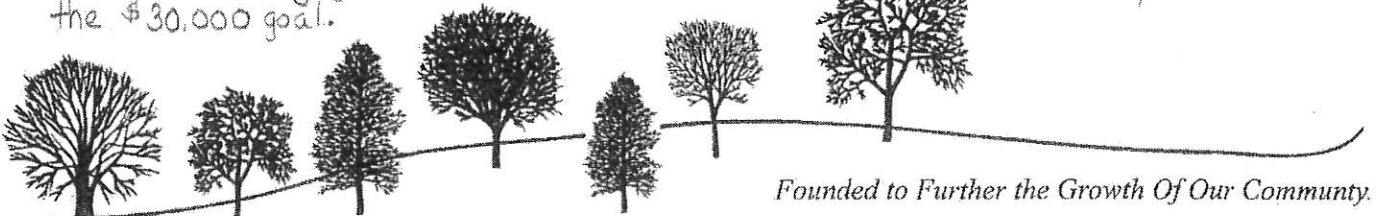
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1000 (any amount would be much appreciated)

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

The IGEMS Playground Fund was formed in the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. We have had a variety of fundraisers over the past two years. We have also received donations from IGEMS families and friends. Students are also involved with raising funds for the playground. They collect BoxTops to send in for money. We work very hard, but at this rate it will take many years to reach the amount needed. We currently have \$11,004.75 of the \$30,000 goal.

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April 11, 2015

In the fall of 2013 the IGEMS PTC had about \$1,500 in the budget that was not earmarked for use in the school year. At that time I (Holly Allen) was vice-president of the PTC and the teacher representative. We decided to check with the school to see if the money could be used to help repair a few things on the playground. We soon discovered that items on the playground could not be fixed, they are beyond repair due to rules and guidelines. That doesn't mean they can't be used to play on, but it isn't as simple as we thought it would be.

The equipment that we want to replace has been in use since our school opened. It is hard to imagine how many children have played on the equipment in the last 20+ years.

The IGEMS Playground committee is made up of four teachers who coordinate fund-raisers. Other teachers pitch in to help when they are needed. We have had many parents volunteer to help as well. We have had family night activities, a Summer Read-A-Thon, a Fun Run/Walk, sale of a coupon app called MyDeals, and the collecting of Box Tops. We also receive donations from families. We will have a brat sale at the Livingston Bank in the end of May.

Our goal is to raise about \$30,000 for new equipment. This will provide our students with a safe, fun place to move and play. We have \$11,000 after two years of fund-raising. We would like to see this dream come true as soon as possible. Any donation that we would receive from the Elmer G Biddick foundation would be much appreciated.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about this project. I appreciate your organization's willingness to help people in our community.

Sincerely, *Holly Allen*
Holly Allen

IGEMS Playground Fund
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