



## **SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

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Dr. Jake Chung  
Superintendent of Schools

### **Requesting Organization Info**

- Name of requesting organization or entity: **Salt Creek School District 48**
- Type of entity: **Public Entity: School District**
- Address of organization:
  - **Salt Creek School District 48**
  - **1110 South Villa Avenue**
  - **Villa Park, Illinois 60181**
- Website: **<https://www.saltcreek48.org/>**

### **Your Point of Contact for This Request**

- **Name: Dr. Jake Chung**
- **Title: Superintendent of Schools**
- **Phone number: (630) 279-400 ext. 2655**
- **Email address: [jchung@saltcreek48.org](mailto:jchung@saltcreek48.org)**

### **Project Info**

- Project name: **The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub**
- Purpose of project: **The purpose of this project is to create an afterschool program for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students that allows them to participate in a wide variety of activities once the typical school day has ended. Our library media center will be opened for an additional 1.5 hours per day, allowing students to participate in activities that will focus on acceleration, opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, and social-emotional learning.**
- Postal address of project (or general location if not applicable):

**Albright Middle School  
1110 South Villa Avenue  
Villa Park, Illinois 60181**

- Requested funding amount for FY22: **\$81,000.00**
- Subcommittee: **Salt Creek Administrative Cabinet**
- Agency: **Salt Creek School District 48**
- Account: **The funds would be deposited in the Salt Creek District 48 curriculum account.**

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- How would this project benefit the public and why would it be a good use of taxpayer dollars?

We are so excited for the opportunity to utilize the 'Community Project Funding' at Albright Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year. Albright Middle School's student population is broken by the following percentages: 58% Caucasian, 19% Hispanic, 12% Asian, 9% Black, and 2% multi-racial. Our school also has a 35% low-income population. The 2020-2021 school year has been an incredibly challenging year and a significant number of our students have experienced various stages of incomplete learning. The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub would allow many of our students to participate in an after-school program that would provide them a variety of opportunities to extend their learning after the typical school day has ended. These activities would address incomplete learning, STEM-related interests, the promotion of literacy and math competencies, and the opportunity to play instruments, such as the guitar. Social-emotional learning for our students is critical when developing their self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships skills, and responsible decision-making skills. We know that students with these strong interpersonal skills are more inclined to become successful beyond the school setting. The opportunities identified above will allow students to develop these competencies, along with the academic skills that have been interrupted by two truncated school years.

- Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Illinois or Illinois' 8th District?

We recognize that the students that we teach today will become our future leaders. Providing students at Albright Middle School with additional interests and skills will continue to enhance their learning and intrinsically motivate our students to engage in our school activities. While the programming will be open to all of our students, we will target our free and reduced student population and encourage them to participate in the after-school programming.

- Please attach here any documentation that demonstrates local support for this project: **Attached letters of support have been attached.**
- Please provide a breakdown here of how this funding would be used (salaries, construction, etc.):

○ FIRST LEGO Robotics Kits/Supplies:	\$2000.00
○ FIRST LEGO League Club Sponsor Stipend	\$5000.00
○ Chess Club Supplies:	\$1000.00

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o Chess Club Sponsor Stipend:	\$4000.00
o Literacy Club Books	\$2500.00
o Literacy Club Sponsor Stipend	\$4000.00
o After School Bus Transportation	\$22500.00
o Reading Intervention Supplies	\$2000.00
o Reading InterventionTeacher Stipend #1	\$5000.00
o Reading InterventionTeacher Stipend #2	\$5000.00
o Math Intervention Supplies	\$2000.00
o Math InterventionTeacher Stipend #1	\$5000.00
o Math InterventionTeacher Stipend # 2	\$5000.00
o Library Homework Club Sponsor Stipend	\$5000.00
o Guitar Club Materials	\$3000.00
o Guitar Club Sponsor Stipend	\$4000.00
o Collaborative Flexible Furniture	\$4000.00

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\$81,000.00

- Is this a new or ongoing project?

**This would be a new project for Salt Creek School District 48.**

- What is the timeline of completion for this project and will this project require additional federal funding in future fiscal years?

**The timeline of completion for this project would be June 2022. If this project were successful, we would look to seek additional sources of funding and continue this in subsequent school years.**

- If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?

**Yes, if the appropriations committee was not able to provide the full amount of funding we would scale back our efforts while moving forward with this initial project for our students.**

- Is this project currently authorized in law? Where? If not applicable, please write "N/A". (N/A)
- If this project has been included in a presidential budget request, please indicate that here and detail how much and in what fiscal year: (N/A)
- If this project has received any funding in the past, from either a public or private source, please detail that here:

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**This would be a new project and no funding has been received in the past.**

- If you are proposing report language to accompany this CPF request, please write that language here and indicate if similar language has ever been included in a previous year: (N/A)
- If this project requires a non-federal cost-share, please indicate that here and explain how you can demonstrate that the non-federal share will be met: (N/A)
- Does any derogatory information, as well as any potentially mitigating information, exist that would render the entity potentially unsuitable for receiving community project funding? Please explain if applicable.

**No derogatory information, as well as any potentially mitigating information exists that would render the entity potentially unsuitable for receiving community project funding.**

- If submitting multiple requests, please rank this request in terms of priority:  
**We are only submitting this one request.**
- Please list all Members of the House and Senate who are receiving this request:  
**Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi**



# Salt Creek District 48 FTC

Salt Creek Primary School • Stella May Swartz School • Albright Middle School

April 21, 2021

Dear Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi,

My name is Jennifer Liotta. Julie Tobias and I are writing to you as a Salt Creek School District 48 stakeholder. We are co-presidents of Families Teachers Children (FTC)—our district's PTA. We want to offer our support of the Community Funding Project grant opportunity being submitted by Albright Middle School. Their Community Funding Project grant is called "The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub" that will benefit 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students in Salt Creek District 48 by offering programs for students to participate in activities to focus on opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, acceleration, and social-emotional learning.

Highlights of the grant include funding for the creation of a Lego Robotics team, opportunities for students to participate in advanced book studies, a chess club, guitar lessons, math and literacy supports, a homework center, and bus transportation to get the students home. The funding would allow an extension of the typical school day by an additional ninety minutes. This type of programming will be incredibly beneficial to District 48 students.

On a more personal note, two of my four children will attend John E. Albright Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year. One would benefit from the acceleration opportunities while the other would benefit from the social-emotional learning programs as the stress of the pandemic has brought on issues that I was unaware of until now. We have incredibly diverse student demographics in our district. Many students who would not have the means to take part in these various programs will be able to participate, get the support they need, or simply enjoy a new hobby. Our district families and staff come together to support each other in times of need. Julie and I are thankful for such a great group of people. We would be beyond grateful for this wonderful opportunity to enhance the lives of the children. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to support our children in new ways!

Sincerely,

Julie Tobias  
FTC Co-President  
jtobias@saltcreek48.org

Jennifer Liotta  
FTC Co-President  
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Deborah Conroy  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 46<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

April 19, 2021

Dear Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi,

I am writing to you today to offer my support of the Community Funding Project grant opportunity being submitted by Albright Middle School. Their Community Funding Project grant is called "The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub" and it will benefit 5th – 8th grade middle school students in Salt Creek District 48. The purpose of this grant is to create an afterschool program for 5th – 8th grade middle school students that will allow them to participate in a wide variety of activities once the typical school day has ended. The after school programming would allow our students to participate in activities that will focus on opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, acceleration, and social-emotional learning.

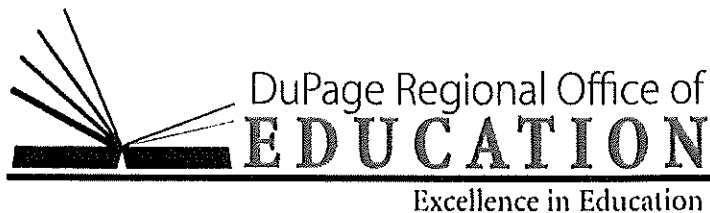
Highlights of the grant include funding for the creation of a Lego Robotics team, opportunities for students to participate in advanced book studies, a chess club, guitar lessons, math and literacy supports, a homework center, and bus transportation to get our students home. The funding would allow us to extend our typical school day by an additional ninety minutes per day. This type of programming will be incredibly beneficial to our students particularly as we look to continue to provide support for this demographic of students.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Conroy".

Deb Conroy  
State Representative  
46<sup>th</sup> District



DR. DARLENE J. RUSCITTI  
Regional Superintendent  
DuPage County Schools

421 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187  
Phone: 630.407.5800  
Fax: 630.407.5802

April 20, 2021

Dear Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi,

My name is Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage County, and I represent the DuPage County Regional Office of Education. I am writing to you today to offer my support of the Community Funding Project grant opportunity being submitted by Albright Middle School. Their Community Funding Project grant is called "The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub" and it will benefit 5th – 8th grade middle school students in Salt Creek District 48. The purpose of this grant is to create an afterschool program for 5th – 8th grade middle school students that will allow them to participate in a wide variety of activities once the typical school day has ended. The after-school programming would allow our students to participate in activities that will focus on opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, acceleration, and social-emotional learning.

As you are aware, we as educators are doing everything within our power and beyond to address the needs of ALL our students.

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Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Darlene Ruscitti

Regional Superintendent of Schools DuPage County



## COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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April 19, 2021

Dear Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi,

My name is Rev. Susan Detterman, and I am a Salt Creek School District 48 stakeholder working in Villa Park. I am the pastor of Community Congregational Church of Villa Park, the oldest congregation in the village. I am writing you today to offer my support of the Community Funding Project grant opportunity being submitted by Albright Middle School. Their Community Funding Project grant is called **"The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub"** and it will benefit 5th – 8th grade middle school students in Salt Creek District 48. The purpose of this grant is to create an afterschool program for 5th – 8th grade middle school students that will allow them to participate in a wide variety of activities once the typical school day has ended. The after school programming would allow the students to participate in activities that will focus on opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, acceleration, and social-emotional learning.

Highlights of the grant include funding for the creation of a Lego Robotics team, opportunities for students to participate in advanced book studies, a chess club, guitar lessons, math and literacy supports, a homework center, and bus transportation to get our students home. The funding would allow the district to extend the typical school day by an additional ninety minutes per day. This type of programming would be incredibly beneficial to students particularly as they look for creative ways to continue to provide support for this demographic of students.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Rev. Susan D. Detterman

Pastor

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Superintendent of Schools

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April 19, 2021

Dear Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi,

My name is Dane Cuny and I am the President of the Salt Creek School District 48 Board of Education and a resident living and working in Villa Park. I am writing you today to offer my support of the Community Funding Project grant opportunity being submitted by Albright Middle School. Their Community Funding Project grant is called **"The Viking After School Special @ The AMS Hub"** and it will benefit 5th – 8th grade middle school students in Salt Creek District 48. The purpose of this grant is to create an afterschool program for 5th – 8th grade middle school students that will allow them to participate in a wide variety of activities once the typical school day has ended. The after-school programming would allow our students to participate in activities that will focus on opportunities to address incomplete learning from the 2020-2021 school year, acceleration, and social-emotional learning.

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Sincerely,

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