

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: August 28, 2025

From: Community Services and Recreation Department

Subject: Afterschool Scholarship & Equity Swim Donation

Recommended Action: Accept a donation of \$20,000 for Afterschool Rec Club scholarships and \$16,000 for the Equity Swim Program from the Soquel Union Elementary School District and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Background: In Fall 2020, the City expanded its pilot Afterschool Program in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the need for distance learning support. As a result, the City developed the Out-of-School Time (OST) Program. The Soquel Union Elementary School District (SUESD) supported the Program by contributing \$16,000 in funding.

As schools returned to in-person learning, the City and SUESD recognized a lack of after-school programming. As a result, the OST Program was modified to provide an after-school program in each of SEUSD's elementary schools. SUESD has continued its partnership with the City by offering financial support for the 2024–25 school year to ensure continued access for families.

Discussion: The Afterschool Rec Club provides enrichment and homework support to elementary and middle school students at the New Brighton Middle School campus. As an affordable public program, the SUESD Board of Trustees is proud to support this collaboration with the City to jointly support Capitola residents and provide equitable access to families.

In addition, the City's Equity Swim Program was designed to provide equity and community for students that live in a community dominated by beach culture. The Equity Swim Program provides high quality swimming lessons to SUESD students who would otherwise not have access to such resources. The Program teaches students techniques and keeps them engaged with aquatics activities, allowing students to participate in beach community events. SUESD's contribution of \$16,000 will offset approximately half of the City's costs for this program in the 2025–26 school year.

SUESD will contribute \$20,000 to support a scholarship fund for the school year 25/26 for students meeting income criteria as evaluated by the Capitola Public Safety and Community Service Foundation and an additional \$16,000 (approximately half the City expense) to the Equity Swim Program.

Fiscal Impact: This donation of \$20,000 will provide a restricted fund for Afterschool Rec Club scholarship applicants and \$16,000 will offset budgeted contract expenses for the Equity Swim program.

Attachments:

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