

**Immaculate Heart of Mary – Monona WI  
Home and School Association Bylaws**

**IHM HSA Project Funding Proposal Template**

Project Name: Playground Renewal Project - Swing Replacement

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Description of the problem (if applicable) or opportunity/situation: The current playground is unsafe, inadequate, and outdated. The playground is used by the school children, after school/wrap around, summer childcare program, Totus Tuus religious education summer program, RCIA candidate childcare, etc. It has been in place for over 25 years. It was acquired second hand, from multiple manufacturers, and piece-mealed together. It contains wood platforms which have deteriorated as recently Summer 2017 and have required repair. There have been staff and student complaints that 4 swings are insufficient for our school size. The mulch lacks the proper depth and grade to be "up to code", per Lee Equipment. There is a slide closed off since it has a broken window. There is also bad language scrapped into one of the slides.

Description of the project: The students would benefit from a new & safe playground with a variety of things to do. We have a goal to completely renew the playground in a phased approach. Phase 1 occurred in Fall 2016 with the addition of Panda Ball pits. We are ready for Phase 2. We would like to remove our 4 existing swings and replace them with three bays of two swings each for a total of 6 swings. One bay would be reserved for middle schoolers (similar to how one panda ball pit is reserved for them).

Benefits of the project (consider benefits to the learning environment, curriculum, advancement of the IHM school mission, student safety, etc.): A new, revitalized playground would improve student safety, family satisfaction rates, student morale, student physical activity levels, beautify the grounds, and attract & retain Catholic Families. When we invest to keep our facilities and playground current, it sends the message to current & prospective families (as well as parishioners), that we are here to stay.

Describe how the project aligns with the HSA mission: Improving the playground for the current (and future) children of the IHM community, to explore and enjoy, will enrich their quality of life. It will become a space that provides the opportunity for the children to practice an active lifestyle, safely engage in recreational opportunities, and encourage social interaction amongst peers. This increased social interaction would provide the children with opportunities to learn and practice respect and compassion for their peers.

Requested funds: \$ 1,950.

Ongoing costs of project to be funded by future operating expenses: \$ NA

# of volunteers needed: 0 Timing of the project: Approval in Spring, Implementation in Summer 2018

Are you willing to lead the project? (Yes) / No (circle one)

If not do you know someone who is? NA

Please include copies of costs and additional project description as needed. See attached.

Current available and projected project fund balance (HSA Treasurer to complete):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ / \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*While modeling Catholic values we enhance the opportunities of every child at IHM through parent involvement, communication, accountability, integrity, supporting enrichment, and strengthening community.*