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Subject: Local Elementary wins State in the Odyssey of the Mind Competition and headed to World Competition in Michigan

Dear Fellow Community Member,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you as a proud member of Ed Pastor Elementary to seek your support for our upcoming participation in the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition. Our school won State on April 1st, 2023, and will represent Arizona at this prestigious event, which will be held in Michigan State University on May 24-27, 2023. However, we need your help to raise the necessary funds to cover our expenses and make this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity a reality.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that encourages creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills among students from around the world. Our school's team has been working tirelessly for months, developing their problem-solving skills, and preparing for the competition.

As you can imagine, participating in the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition involves significant costs, including travel expenses, registration fees, accommodation, and meals for the team members and their chaperones. The estimated cost for our team to participate in this event is \$15,000.00. While our school is making efforts to raise funds through various means we are still short of the total amount needed to cover all expenses.

This is why we are reaching out to you. We are seeking your generous support to help us reach our goal and make this trip a reality for our team. Your donation, no matter how big or small, will make a significant impact in helping us participate in this prestigious competition and represent our school, community, and state on a global stage. Your generosity will not only help us achieve our goal but will also be greatly appreciated by the entire school community. Your investment in our team is an investment in the future of our students and their educational development.

We would greatly appreciate any donation you can make. Should you donate, either personal or from your business, you will be recognized in social media as well as in the school newsletter. We will also provide a donation receipt letter with either the PTO's taxexempt ID number or a Tax Credit receipt for your records, as you prefer.

On behalf of the entire team at Ed Pastor Odyssey of the Mind, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your consideration and support. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Maria Camacho Principal, Ed Pastor Elementary