RESOLUTION NO. 715

DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Everett Public Schools has some personal property in storage that have been declared surplus to the needs of the District, and;

WHEREAS, Gateway Middle School requests that some surplused sports gear be granted to needy school children in Uganda, Africa through the Sister School Projects, a non-profit organization, and;

WHEREAS, RCW 28A.335.180 authorizes school districts to grant surplus personal property to a federal, state, or local government entity, or to indigent persons, at no cost on the condition the property be used for educational purposes;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Everett Public Schools elects to grant certain surplus personal property to needy school children in Uganda, Africa with the understanding that the property will be used for educational purposes and with the understanding that the Sister School Project will arrange for and pay for the shipment of the property so granted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Administration is authorized to determine what surplus property will be granted.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Everett Public Schools, Snohomish County, Washington, at its regular meeting December 12, 2000.

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS A municipal corporation of the State of Washington

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ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board

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I am writing this letter to ask you to please release some surplussed sports gear from Gateway Middle School to be used as donations for the Sister School Project, which our school is sponsoring at this time. Sister Schools is a non-profit organization that takes donations from schools around the Puget Sound area and sends them to needy schools and orphanages in Uganda, Africa. The sports gear will be used by African children who play on sports teams since they do not have, nor can afford, such things. If you have any further questions about the Sister Schools Project please refer to the enclosed letters from Terry McGill, the founder and President of Sister Schools. Thank you for the donation,

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Sister Schools is an effort to give our children a better understanding of the world in which they live and the opportunity to see that they can be a positive influence in it. We believe the best way to do this is to motivate them to become as actively involved as possible in the lives of the people they are learning about.

Through a slide presentation and discussion, Sister Schools shows our children what it is like to be a student in an underdeveloped country. It then encourages them to help these children by donating school supplies and other necessities. Later in the school year a second slide show is given showing the actual presentation of donated supplies. Our children get to see the direct effects of their efforts. Also, older students are encouraged to maintain contact with their foreign friends and gain a deeper understanding of their lives through the formation of pen-pal relationships.

The Sister Schools program provides an opportunity for our children to see what life is like in another country and form friendships with children from a different culture. Its a chance for them to discover what it is like to personally give to those less fortunate than themselves and learn that they can really make a difference in the world, no matter what their age. We firmly believe this program will not only expand our children's knowledge and understanding of the world, but will also make them more appreciative of the possibilities and resources available in our own country.

Indeed, an accurate view of Sister Schools sees it not as an isolated program benefiting only the school children of a faraway country, but as a springboard to social involvement for our own children. At the close of each program we encourage our school children to take the lessons they've learned through participation in the Sister Schools program and continue to apply them right here at home in their own schools and communities.

Sister Schools is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to provide a unique cross cultural experience for United States school children. It accepts no cash donations from school children, is funded entirely through private contributions, and is completely volunteer. There are no salaries and all funds raised are used only for the actual costs of running the program - shipping, airfare, etc.. If you have any questions about Sister Schools projects or how you can help, please feel free to contact us, we would enjoy talking with you.



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Letter of Request

Sister Schools is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to give our children a better understanding of the world in which they live and the opportunity to see that they can be a positive influence in it. We believe our programs not only expand their knowledge of the world, but also make them more appreciative of the possibilities and resources available in our own country. Most importantly, our local communities will benefit as students return and apply the lessons they've learned overseas to the problems and challenges they encounter in their own neighborhoods.

One of the most exciting areas of Sister Schools is our Work Travel Program. Students, parents and teachers who participate in this program spend three weeks in Uganda working on various projects: giving teachers' seminars and teaching student lessons in Ugandan schools, painting buildings, and building beds and play areas for Ugandan orphanages. Our emphasis is hands-on service.

This program is entirely a volunteer effort. Each participant is required to raise their own travel expenses, approximately \$3,200 for the present tour. In addition, every student and adult is part of a team working to collect specific items needed for the projects they have initiated and planned. The team members are providing the money, time and labor to make this trip a reality. Please consider helping them by contributing some of the materials they need to complete their work. It really will make a tremendous difference, both for our volunteers and the many children they will be helping in Uganda.

Each participant will know the specific items needed for their particular project as well as having any documentation necessary for tax purposes. If you would like to know more about Sister Schools or have any questions our team members cannot answer, please feel free to call, we would enjoy talking with you.

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