

# **HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

## **REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 19, 2026

**FROM:** Jacob Bermudez, Grants Manager

**SUBJECT:** Sponsorship Request – Heber Elementary School District Chess Club

### **BACKGROUND**

The Heber Elementary School District Chess Club is requesting a sponsorship support for the preparation of students to compete in the California State Chess Championship. The program, established in 1997, has provided nearly three decades of educational and competitive opportunities for students in the Heber community. Through participation in chess, students develop critical thinking, strategic planning, discipline, and problem-solving skills that support their academic and personal growth.

Participation in the state championship requires funding for registration fees, transportation, and materials. The district is seeking community sponsorships to ensure financial barriers do not prevent students from accessing this opportunity. Supporting the chess program helps recognize student achievement and encourages continued academic engagement while strengthening community investment in local youth and education.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

A one-time discretionary sponsorship donation for the Heber Elementary School District Chess Club

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Dessert  
General Manager



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February 4, 2026

To whom it may concern:

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the Heber Elementary School District and Heber School, I am writing to respectfully request your support and sponsorship for our **Heber School Chess Club** as they prepare to participate in the **California State Chess Championship**.

Our Chess Club is made up of dedicated students who have demonstrated exceptional discipline, critical thinking, and perseverance. Through regular practice and competition, these students have developed not only strong chess skills but also valuable life skills such as problem-solving, strategic planning, patience, and sportsmanship. Their qualification to compete at the state level is a tremendous achievement and a point of pride for our school and community.

Participation in the State Chess Championship involves costs related to registration fees, transportation, meals, and materials. As a public school serving a hardworking community, we strive to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent our students from accessing opportunities that enrich their academic and personal growth. Your sponsorship would directly support these students and help make this experience possible.

In recognition of your generosity, we would be honored to acknowledge your organization in our school communications, at Chess Club events, and through other appropriate avenues. Most importantly, your support would send a powerful message to our students that their efforts and achievements are valued by the community.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this sponsorship further and share more about the impact your contribution would have. Thank you for considering this request and for your continued support of education and student success.

Sincerely,

Juan Cruz, Superintendent

# The Heber Chess Program Established 1997 (29 Year +)



Thank you for making this possible  
for our kids!