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The Parent Teacher Organization of Ferson Creek Elementary School ("PTO") was informally established in 1989 at the inception of Ferson Creek Elementary School to support the educators and to provide educational enrichment to the students, school family and the community through effective communication, financial assistance and volunteerism. The mission of the PTO was create a group which could organize the fund-raising and volunteer efforts of the parents of children attending Ferson Creek Elementary School. As the PTO grew and expanded, it was decided it should formally incorporate and was incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit organization on June 28, 1999. See Exhibit I.

There are generally three types of activities conducted by the PTO. First, it is very interested in augmenting the educational experience through its programs of Cultural Enrichment, Foreign Language, Art Presentations and Music Presentations (See Student Program Expenses in the budget). It also supports the educational process by providing for the material needs of teachers and making the school a fun, safe and attractive environment for learning (See School/Teacher Related Expenses in the budget). Thirdly, it administers programs which may involve a segment of the school population and which are paid for directly by the students enrolled in the program. These programs are, on the whole, extracurricular activities such as Hands-on-Science, Odyssey of the Mind and After School Enrichment. They are staffed by PTO volunteers and volunteers from the community (See Direct Program Expenses in the budget).

The PTO does administer some programs which are available to all students but are not attended by all students and therefore are paid for entirely by the participants. Any student may enroll in any of the programs. These programs include:

Classroom Parties – Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, and End of Year Parties (\$5.00 per student charged at Fee Day, voluntarily);

After School Enrichment – Fees are only for bowling, most of the other activities like cake decorating are free;

Hands-on-Science – science classes after school with fees determined by enrollment (estimated at \$40 per quarter);

Yearbook – Students purchase yearbooks at the beginning of the year which are sold at cost (approximately \$9-\$12);

Wrap-pac – Students purchase required school supplies for the coming school year at a discount from retail, pricing varies by grade and is at cost from supplier;

Skating Party – Students pay entry fee. PTO pays \$100 deposit which is always returned;

Directory – Student Address and Phone Directory produced at cost with covers paid for by business card advertisements (parents only).

See Exhibit V which contains a copy of the official Mission Statement of the PTO, with detailed descriptions of the many committees formed to carry out the purposes of the PTO. Each committee is staffed by unpaid volunteers. The majority of events and programs occur at the school.