



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO THE TACOMA RAINIERS

Department

Office of Community Partnerships

Board Meeting Date

June 26, 2025

Background

Tacoma Public Schools defines 'partnership' as a cooperative relationship between students, families, schools, school districts and the greater Tacoma Community. Partners are committed to supporting student academic success and the whole child. Partners work with and invest in the education of our children and youth - whose future, in turn, will affect the quality of life in the entire Tacoma community.

When it comes to student success TPS recognizes that schools cannot do it alone. In recognition of an investment of time, talent and resources for TPS students, families and staff - the Shining Star Community Partner Award signifies honor and thanks to a community partner who has made a difference by doing what is best for kids.

Current Consideration

The Tacoma Rainier's commitment to Tacoma students has remained steadfast over more than 10 years, and the partnership with TPS has grown throughout the years. The annual TPS Student Jersey Design Competition, in which Tacoma Rainiers leads a design competition and the winner's design is worn by the Tacoma Rainiers players on game day, has become a highlight throughout Tacoma schools and participation has increased dramatically. The annual TPS Night at the Rainiers has grown exponentially, this year hosting more than 1,600 Tacoma students and families and featuring school performing groups.

This year the Tacoma Rainiers staff, specifically Haley Hacker, worked with our team in communications, in addition to 8 other schools, PTAs, and community partners to turn an ordinary Thursday-night Rainiers game into a joyful celebration for all Tacoma students. Each of the partners attend the game but also have the opportunity to fundraise for their own PTA or program, including supporting our very own Beyond the Bell program. Hayley made the process smooth and easy for everyone --- let's not forget the 200 students running around the infield that went off without a hitch before the game! The Tacoma Rainiers' enthusiasm for Tacoma students and shining a light on programs that support students and families does not go unnoticed, and they are most deserving of a Shining Star award.

Fiscal Implication

None

Recommendation

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize the Tacoma Rainiers as being awarded the June Shining Star Community Partner Award.

Strategic Benchmark

Partnerships

Approved By

Chief Communications Officer, Tanisha Jumper

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DEPARTMENT

List the department that is responsible for the agenda item, not the program/funding source.

ITEM TITLE

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BOARD MEETING DATE

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BACKGROUND

Here you provide the supporting information about the request. It does not have to be lengthy, but be sure to include the vital information that the board needs to know in order for them to make an informed decision. For example, you could include information about the professional association that's providing the training and how the association or contract benefits the district. This is where you justify the expense.

CURRENT CONSIDERATION

Here you tell the board exactly what it is you are wanting to accomplish. Be specific and provide plenty of detail, if appropriate. If it's a travel request, list the employee name, position and location. If it's a contract, indicate the amount of approval and why it's necessary.

FISCAL IMPLICATION

This is where the dollars and funding source are spelled out. Be specific and clear.

RECOMMENDATION

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STRATEGIC BENCHMARK

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ITEM APPROVED BY

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