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**MEMORANDUM City Manager – Council Memo No. MC08-042**

**DATE:** JULY 7, 2008  
**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
**THRU:** W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** LEAH POWELL, DIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR  
**SUBJECT:** CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION

RECOMMEDATION: Staff recommends approval of the fiscal year 2008-2009 contribution to the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) in the amount of 35,000.

DISCUSSION: Chandler Unified School District provides summer and intersession programs to academically at-risk students. The City of Chandler has historically contributed to the funding of these three-week intersession and summer programs in joint partnership with CUSD and Chandler Education Foundation. As a result, over 9,000 students have participated in this program since its inception. Students who participate in these programs show improved academics and attitudes about school, and begin to take positive control of their lives. These changes in behavior and attitude benefit not only the student participants but also the community at large for years to come.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funds for this contribution will be from Account No. 101-1290-5236.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve payment of FY 2008-2009 contribution to Chandler Unified School District in the amount of \$35,000.

April 25, 2008

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*Hello Linda -  
Is there an update  
re: CEF's request  
for Children of  
Promise support  
2008  
Glenna McCollum-Cloud  
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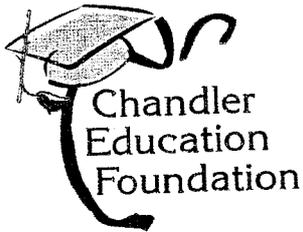
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

With this letter we are seeking your continued support of the Chandler School District's Children of Promise (At-Risk) Extended School Year Summer School and Intersession Programs. In accordance with the three-way partnership which has been established for the program between the Chandler School District, the City, and the Chandler Education Foundation, the request from the City Council is \$35,000. An average three-week summer program can be implemented at a cost of approximately \$125.00 per student, a small price to pay for the benefits reaped by the students, the staff, the District and the community.

In the summer of 2007, Children of Promise continued with its second-year of Destination:CollegeBound, a program that put fifth and sixth graders from Chandler's Title I schools on a college campus for three weeks. More than 165 students were transported to Chandler-Gilbert Community College where they experienced "college" classes specifically geared toward them, visited the library, computer labs, and listened to guest speakers representing a variety of careers. This early exposure to college helped these students to see that college is a realistic, attainable goal. (See CEF Annual Report from Destination:CollegeBound student, Brianna Garcia).

Thank you for your assistance now and in the past for this valuable program. Well over 9,200 students have participated in this program since its inception. The City is helping students who are at-risk academically to "narrow the gap" by making significant progress during the summer months and intersession. The improved academics, improved attitudes about school, and the resulting positive control over their lives will pay large annual dividends to them and to our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Children of Promise  
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