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Seattle Public Schools receives donation of \$46,500 from Seattle Seahawks and Team Seattle Athletics

On August 4, 2007, the Seattle Seahawks held an inter-squad scrimmage at Memorial Stadium with ticket proceeds of \$46,500 benefiting athletic programs at Seattle Public Schools' middle and high schools. A not-for-profit organization, Team Seattle Athletics' (TSA) primary purpose is to raise funds to enhance and supplement athletic programs at Seattle Public Schools. The TSA goal is to raise a minimum of \$100,000 per year for Seattle Public Schools' athletics on a sustainable basis.

Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson said, "The partnership between Seattle Public Schools and the Seahawks is an excellent and creative example of the ways in which schools and organizations can work together to support kids. I want to thank everyone in the Seahawks organization as well as Team Seattle Athletics for their commitment to Seattle's children and youth."

In addition to the Seahawks Scrimmage, the Seahawks have also supported Seattle Public Schools through a variety of programs including: "Symetra Heroes in the Classroom," created to honor outstanding teachers throughout the district; "Ready, Set, Goals," a reading, writing and goal-setting program available to elementary school classrooms; and continuing support through Communities in Schools; Junior Players Development Programs; Play It Smart and the Seahawks Academy.

Funding for student athletics remains important as students who are engaged and involved in extra-curricular activities do better academically and are less likely to drop out of school. Team Seattle Athletics' donations have helped to provide scholarship support for student athletes unable to afford sports participation fees as well as support the purchase of uniforms and equipment for high school teams, volleyball uniforms for 16 middle school girls programs and equipment for middle school programs.

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