



## DESERT HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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September 6, 2023

Dear Washington County School Board Members:

Initially, due to a smaller incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and 50+ students attending the new CT High School, Desert Hills Middle School's Land Trust funding decreased significantly for the 2023-24 school year. Rather than letting two teachers go, State Land Trust funds were appointed to cover their salaries. It proved fortunate, as our student numbers began to skyrocket a couple of weeks before school began, and what we thought would be a smaller 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, grew to a larger size than our 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. Two weeks ago, after final adjustments were made, there is now \$14,078.81 remaining in State Land Trust Funds.

DHMS applied for and received the ALEKS(math program) Grant, but unfortunately were only granted 319 licenses of the 900 we requested. That left us with a balance of \$10,350.72. Since it was not in the initial Land Trust plan for the 2023-24 school year, I am requesting that the school board allows Desert Hills Middle School to allocate the \$14,078.81 to "software". That would help us to pay McGraw-Hill the funds owed for the remaining ALEKS licenses. The remaining balance would be used to cover any other software costs that may arise.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider the allocation of the remaining Land Trust funds to "software", as the ALEKS math program plays a critical role in the success of our students. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Sharp".

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Principal

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