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# SISTER SCHOOLS



## Project Zawadi

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### History

The Sister Schools project was developed during the summer of 2015 when Ian Keith, a St. Paul teacher and Project **Zawadi** board member, spent a month training teachers and co-teaching in the Mara District of Tanzania. A six member leadership team of headmasters and teachers reviewed and approved the project idea for submission to Project Zawadi.

### Project Description

Project Zawadi will help create partnerships between schools in the Mara District and in St. Paul, Minnesota in the United States. These sister schools will establish pen pal relationships between students in participating classrooms and share photographs and information about their cultures and schools. In addition, school communities in the United States will hold annual fundraisers to raise money to support their Tanzanian partner schools. Schools in the U.S. and Tanzania will sign partnership agreements to clarify expectations, establish timelines and share contact information. In the fall of 2016 Project Zawadi and its TZ partners will survey educators about the project and make plans for year two.

### Rationale

Sister school partnerships will improve cultural awareness and understanding of life in Tanzania and the United States. The U.S. Schools can also help raise money to support school improvement efforts in Tanzania.

### Zawadi Support

Ian Keith will direct and raise money for the Sister Schools project and work with the TZ leadership team, participating sister schools and the PROJECT **ZAWADI** board to guide the work. Financial support will go primarily towards technology purchases for TZ schools and communication expenses.

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## PROJECT ZAWADI

### Timeline

This project covers a 13 month period beginning in September of 2015 and concluding in September of 2016. This time frame covers the remaining three months of this school year in Tanzania and the entire 2016 TZ school year. The Tanzanian school year begins in January and ends in early December.

#### **August/September/October 2015**

Project Zawadi (PZ) Board approves the project. Ian develops the partnership agreements in consultation with Brian and the TZ leadership team (TLT). Ian identifies 4 schools in St. Paul. PZ and LT identify 4 schools in Tanzania. Schools sign agreements and identify one coordinator each to oversee the project. Ian begins fundraising effort.

#### **November/December 2015**

Schools exchange first round of pen pal letters, emails or Skype exchanges. Schools share information about their countries and cultures. PZ purchases 4 computers and distributes one to each of the the TZ school coordinators. Ian continues fundraising effort.

#### **January- May 2016**

Schools exchange two more pen pal letters, emails or Skype exchanges. Schools also work on creating a video about school life and culture to share with their partner schools. U.S. Schools hold spring community service fundraiser and forward money to Project Zawadi. PZ distributes funds to 4 TZ school improvement. Surveys are conducted. Schools decide if they want to participate in year two.

#### **June/July/August/September 2016**

The executive committee of Project Zawadi reviews the project. Additional schools may be added for year two. Ian and Brian will prepare a plan and budget for year two and seek board approval.

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### Tanzania Leadership Team

Adrian Maganga - Teacher, Mihingo Secondary School

Nelson Makoro - Headmaster, Makongoro Secondary School

Devin Matutu - Teacher, Makongoro Secondary School

Muse Mwisawa - Headmistress Kibiari Secondary School and Zinduka Board President

Herbeth Sanga - Teacher, Makongoro Secondary School

Joseph Odhiambo - Teacher, Makongoro Secondary School.

## BUDGET

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Communication Expenses	4	\$ 100	\$ 400
Laptops for Participating TZ Schools	4	\$ 300	\$ 1,200
Overhead Projector	4	\$ 200	\$ 800
Office Expenses	4	\$ 50	\$ 200
Administration	1	\$ 500	\$ 500
Promotional Brochure	100	\$ 5	\$ 500
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3,600</b>

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