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Educator's Update June 20th, 2024

To: Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association

From: Colleen Machut, Ozaukee County 4-H Program Educator

Progress Report: Hello everyone! I hope your summer is off to a great start. This is an update that I am in the final phases of my needs assessment for the 4-H program and I am working on communicating out the results of this process to the 4-H membership. I will be writing a summary of these results and the corresponding action steps in the July 2024 Harbinger. I would also like to request 15 minutes of the Leaders Association meeting on July 18th to do a brief presentation of my findings and answer any questions members may have. I look forward to discussing our next steps so we can all work together to continue the strength of the 4-H program in Ozaukee County.

Clarifications on 4-H Educator Budget Requests

- **"Educational Materials"** refer to materials that contain the educational learning concepts in some kind of written form such as pamphlets, literature, or booklets.
- **"Program Materials"** means supplies for interactive learning experiences such as building materials, craft supplies, labels, legos, technology. These are materials that participants can use to create and interact with the learning concepts.
- **Example:** In an educational session in which youth participants learn about Sparks, they may be provided with an educational booklet (educational material) that describes different Sparks, or with something non-traditional such as a description of different sparks on a small paper spinning wheel, or playing cards that describe different projects that are available in 4-H. Youth would then interact with the concepts through the use of program materials such as craft supplies to create a visual or written product that contains their reflection on their own Sparks and interests and how they fit with 4-H. Youth could express their reflection through writing, drawing, painting, constructing a 3-D representation etc. They would take this creation home with them.
- **A note about open house budget request** - one of my budget requests was for educational materials for open house. My understanding is that there is a group of volunteers that run this. However, there will be an educational component that I will be incorporating into this open house from an educator perspective, which may require educational materials and programming materials other than the materials already requested by the volunteers. I would like to maintain that aspect of my budget request.

Thank you, and please reach out with questions or concerns.

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