

Most people in the soccer world know we have a problem with the United States Pay-to-Play model. *The Pay-to-Play format does not provide equal opportunity to all children!* I was one of the lucky few given chances within the Pay-to-Play format; I am truly grateful to the people who supported my journey. At the same time, I am very concerned that many young girls and boys continue to be denied equal opportunity to succeed.

I am not willing to wait for those in leadership positions to address the lack of involvement and support in the inner cities.

The inner cities of America have the talent we need to grow the game we love. As such, I will open a K-8 Soccer Charter School in Arizona called the Jessica McDonald Academy (JMA). This school will provide more combined scholastic and soccer training to our youth than ever before attempted.

Through my contacts in Arizona, I have enlisted some of the top minds in Education and Soccer that truly understand K-8 development.

I hope this school will be embraced by the people of Arizona and throughout US Soccer. Together, we can change the world, but change requires HOPEFUL RISK. With national support, I know we can create something great. Please join me in this mission by donating to the Jessica McDonald Academy.

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