

PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient supplies and equipment for an effective instruction program; it recognizes, however, that from time to time, individuals or organizations in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the instructional program.

The Board may, by resolution duly passed at a public meeting, accept any gift or grant of land with or without improvement, and of money or other personal property, and acknowledge the purpose, if any, for which the gift was made.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift when the conditions and stipulations connected with it deprive the Board of control of the gift; when ownership of the gift would not contribute toward the achievement of the goals of the District; and/or when ownership would tend to deplete the resources of the District.

Any gift accepted by the Board shall become the property of the Board, may not be returned without the approval of the Board and is subject to the same controls and guidelines as are other properties of the Board.

The Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts subject to any conditions or stipulations connected with the gift.

The Board will make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in its use of the gift, but reserves the right to utilize any gift it accepts in the best interest of the educational program of the District. In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

The Superintendent shall:

- A. counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of gifts and encourage such donors to choose as gifts supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;
- B. encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools to consult with the principal or Superintendent before appropriating funds to that end;
- C. report to the Board all gifts which s/he has accepted by the School District;
- D. prepare fitting means for recognizing or memorializing gifts to the District as appropriate;
- E. establish administrative procedure implementing the conditions and limitations upon any gift or donation which has been accepted by the Board.

In addition, a gift or donation must not:

- A. begin a program which the Board would be unwilling to take over when gift and grant funds are exhausted;
- B. bring undesirable or hidden costs to the District;
- C. place restrictions on the District;
- D. be inappropriate or harmful to the educational program of the District or to students;
- E. be in conflict with any provision of the General School Laws or public laws.

A letter of appreciation, signed by the Superintendent shall be sent to the donor, including the estimated value of the gift.

Adopted ????