

PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The School Committee welcomes and appreciates gifts, offers of equipment and other material for the schools. Gifts to the schools are tax-deductible. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall have authority to accept such gifts in the name of the School Committee if they are of general value and for purposes deemed important by the school system - and if, in the case of gifts from industry, business or special interest groups, no extensive advertising or promotion is involved.

The Superintendent, on behalf of the School Committee, shall consider the donor's intent in making the gift before he/she recommends how funds or gifts donated for the particular program or sport shall be used by that program or sport.

Generally, to ensure equity, consistency and compliance with Massachusetts General Law, donated funds are not intended supplant the operational budget voted by the School Committee, including but not limited to payment of salaries, instructional stipends, operating cost of buildings and curriculum programming or other recurrent budgetary items.

All gifts, grants and bequests become School District property upon acceptance by the School Committee. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall acknowledge in writing receipt of the gift or funds.

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