

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY

CODE: 841

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC GIFTS TO SCHOOLS

The Board of Education appreciates the generosity of individuals and organizations within the community that wish to donate money or other gifts to enhance the work of the schools and extend student learning opportunities. At the same time, the Board feels it must maintain control over the District's educational programs and student activities and ensure equality of educational opportunity.

The Board may receive, accept, and use contributions, donations and gifts to the district or its schools in keeping with the Wisconsin State Statutes when they are determined to be consistent with an given as an enhancement to the district's philosophy, mission, goals and objectives.

Unconditional cash gifts, donations or contributions of up to \$500.00 in value may be accepted by a building principal or other administrator with consent of the superintendent. Other gifts, donations, and contributions and/or cash of more than \$500.00 in value must be approved by the Board of Education. The Board may, in turn direct the superintendent to investigate the appropriateness of the gift and make its final decision based upon his/her recommendation. This district shall not accept donations to support the payment of teacher salaries for credited courses. Gifts may be rejected or limitations may be placed on them by a majority of the Board.

All gifts, donations, and contributions which are accepted shall become the property of the district for use in whatever manner the Board or its designee shall choose and shall be held, managed, improved, invested, or disposed in such manner as the Board in its discretion sees fit. Notwithstanding, in cases where the Board accepts a gift, donation, or contribution which is accompanied by a written stipulation as to its use or disposition, the Board shall promote and effect such purpose(s) until the Board determines in its discretion that it is no longer possible, practicable or prudent to do so.

It is the intention of the district to provide proper recognition for all gifts, donations, and contributions made to the schools. The giving of a gift, donation or contribution shall not entitle the donor to any special privileges or considerations from the District.

The District shall not discriminate in the acceptance and administration of gifts, donations, contributions, scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organization or persons on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap.

LEGAL REF. Wis. Stat. 118.27