

BOARD MEMO

Date: 1/23/2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Director of School, Business and Community Partnerships

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Recommendation for Approval of Community Donation

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement

Goal 5: Health and Wellness

2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Nutrition Programs

SUMMARY:

On December 23, 2019, Alexandria City Public Schools received a financial donation of \$18,564.00 from Mr. Hubert and Arline Hoffman, Chairman and CEO of the Hoffman Town Center and Hoffman Co., to bring any negative balance meal accounts to zero for students in grades 9-12. In accordance with ACPS Policy KH and Regulation KH-R, any donation over \$2,500 requires school board approval. The donation must meet the established standards of acceptance requirements. Those standards and the appropriate responses are detailed below:

ACPS Donation Standards of Acceptance

1. Have a purpose consistent with the goals of ACPS;

The donation will support the health and wellness of students at T.C. Williams High School by keeping students focused on learning and ensuring that they will not be burdened with lunch account deficiencies. This donation aligns with ACPS 2020 Strategic Goal 1, 2 and 5.

2. Impose no undesirable, unacceptable, or hidden costs in terms of resources to ACPS;

The donation has no identified undesirable, unacceptable, or hidden costs. It will serve hundreds of T.C. Williams High School students.

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3. Place no unacceptable conditions or restrictions on the school division or its educational or extracurricular programs;

This donation will place no unacceptable conditions or restrictions on the school division or its educational or extracurricular programs.

4. Not assume that the School Board will accept responsibility for continuing the benefit of or program supported by the donation if or when the funds are exhausted;

T.C. Williams High School does not assume that the ACPS School Board will have any further action or responsibility related to this donation.

5. Meet any applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, Board policies, regulations or guidelines associated with its construction or use; and meet any applicable safety standards.

This donation meets all local laws, regulations, Board policies, regulations and guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

On December 23, 2019, Alexandria City Public Schools through T.C. Williams High School Principal, Peter Balas, received a financial donation of \$18,564.00 from Mr. Hubert and Arline Hoffman, Chairman and CEO of the Hoffman Town Center and Hoffman Co., to bring any negative balance meal accounts to zero for students in grades 9-12. This donation will provide students with a fresh start to the new year with clear meal account balances.

RECOMMENDATION:

T.C. Williams is hoping to apply the funds from the donation to student meal accounts after gaining the official approval from the ACPS School Board. The Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools recommends the School Board approve the donation as it meets all standards of acceptance requirements.

IMPACT:

This donation will eliminate the debt of students who currently have a negative meal balance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

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