

BOARD MEMO

Date: October 29, 2020
For ACTION ___
For INFORMATION ___
Board Agenda: Yes ___
No ___

FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement
Dr. Kynai Johnson, Director of School Social Work

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 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement

SUMMARY:

On October 4th, 2020, Alexandria City Public Schools received notification of a donation of \$8,500 from Kingdom Fellowship, Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Keeping it Moving Ministries to support ACPS students and families in need. The donation will be in the form of gift cards and provided to families through a collaborative plan of identification and distribution with the ACPS Director of School Social Work. 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 of gift cards to families in need aligns with ACPS Strategic Plan Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support and Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement.

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

The donation has no identified undesirable, unacceptable, or hidden costs.

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;

ACPS Student Services Department/ Director of School Social Work will continue to work collaboratively with the donor to receive the gift cards and then provide management and support for the distribution of the gift cards through ACPS Social Workers. It is assumed that the School Board will not 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 October 4, 2020 Alexandria City Public Schools received notification of a financial donation of \$8500 from Dr. Shakina D. Rawlings, Pastor, on behalf of Kingdom Fellowship, Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Keeping it Moving Ministries, to provide gift cards to identified families in need of support. This donation will provide support to ACPS families who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the donation to ACPS in the amount of \$8,500.

IMPACT:

This donation will help support ACPS families in need.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

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