

BOARD MEMO

Date: March 18, 2021
For ACTION
For INFORMATION
Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement
Ms. Julia Burgos, Chief of School and Community Relations

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

TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Recommendation for Approval of Community Donation

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- K-2 Literacy Programming
- MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Chronic Absenteeism among Hispanic Students

SUMMARY:

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, RunningBrooke donated \$8,823.75 for the purchase of fifteen bicycles complete with trainers, mats, and book holders in alignment with their Pedals & Pages program. 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 supports health and wellness for ACPS students by providing stationary bikes with reading stands to schools, to engage students in physical activity combined with learning for academic, physical, and mental health benefits. The program proactively engages students to read and ride for our students throughout the Division in grades kindergarten through fifth. This donation aligns with ACPS 2025 Strategic Goal 2, 3,4, and 5.

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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;

The ACPS Teaching, Learning and Leadership Team (Health/Physical Education/Family Life Education K-12) will continue to work with RunningBrooke through the receiving and distribution of this donation. It is assumed that the ACPS 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:

RunningBrooke started Pedals and Pages in 2018 at Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School, and has expanded to additional ACPS elementary schools since then. On February 16, 2021, RunningBrooke presented ACPS with this donation to bring the program to all fourteen elementary schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the donation of \$8,823.75 for the purchase of fifteen bicycles complete with trainers, mats, and book holders in alignment with the RunningBrooke Pedals & Pages program.

IMPACT:

This donation will help support the ACPS Health & Physical Education program, ACPS Library program, School Support Teams, overall encouragement of reading and integrates with PBIS. The resources can also be utilized by classroom teachers for movement breaks or incentives.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

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