

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: January 21, 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 3: Student Accessibility and Support  
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation  
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School  
Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation  
Focus Area 5: Academic Disparities

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement

**SUMMARY:**

On December 14th, Alexandria City Public Schools received a donation of \$150,000 from Amazon to support ACPS identified students that continue to need child/full-day school care. 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 educational equity for ACPS students by providing full day child/school day care for identified students of vulnerable families during the Covid-19 pandemic. This donation aligns with ACPS 2020 Strategic Goal 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 Office of Community Partnerships and Engagement will continue to monitor the child care/school day care Virtual PLUS+ partners with multiple other ACPS Departments. 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:**

With the continuation of the ACPS Virtual PLUS+ model of instruction, the opportunity for child care/school day care for our most vulnerable families continues to be needed in a virtual education environment. To help address this need, ACPS and multiple Virtual PLUS+ partners, collaborated to create a full day free care program at multiple sites for identified students. Amazon's donation will support the ability for ACPS to continue the care program for our families.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the donation to ACPS in the amount of \$150,000.

#### **IMPACT:**

This donation will help support ACPS students in need of full day child care.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

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