

Date: January 18, 2024  
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For INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Taneika Taylor Tukan, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and  
Engagement  
Julia Burgos, Chief of School and Community Relations

**THROUGH:** Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Recommendation for Approval of Community Donation

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

**SY 2023-2024 PRIORITY AREA:**

Academic Achievement

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

N/A

**SUMMARY:**

On January 24, 2024, TanagerKids Grant Program will present a check for \$3,976 to support an application for Empowering Student Voices Through Podcasting, a project-based learning initiative for students in Alexandria City High School (ACHS) International Academy. In accordance with Alexandria City Public Schools (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:

**DETAILS:**

**ACPS Donation Standards of Acceptance**

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

The donation will be allocated to support a project-based learning (PBL) experience for ACHS International Academy students led by Ms. Jovita Gil and Mr. John Humphrey. PBL fosters meaningful connections between students, staff and content and promotes active student engagement as they take ownership of their education.

**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 places 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;**

This is considered a one-time 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:**

The TangerKids Grant Program invites educators to request funding to improve student and teacher access to the resources needed to succeed in today's classroom. In 2022, TangerKids Grant Program awarded 146 grants to schools across the country. Projects funded ranged from modernizing literature and libraries to purchasing adaptive and more inclusive equipment. The average grant award was \$1,096.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the donation of \$3,976 from TangerKids Grant Program to support project-based learning at the ACHS International Academy.

**IMPACT:**

Funding for project-based learning will enhance student engagement and support positive academic outcomes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

**REFERENCES:**

None

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