

## DONATIONS/GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Nashua School District, in accordance with guidelines established by the City Charter, the City of Nashua Revised Ordinances, and in conjunction with POPPS-7022, *Accepting Donations of Material and Equipment*, encourages and accepts donations and gifts that can be used to enhance the education of students, with the following stipulations:

- Before gifts are presented to and considered for acceptance by the Board of Education, all donors will meet or consult with the Superintendent.
- Persons/companies/organizations donating a significant amount of money representing a certain percentage of the cost of a particular facility or portion of a facility may request that the Board of Education name a portion of that facility after the donor or donor's designee and/or recognize the donor or donor's designee with a plaque acknowledging the gift and donor. The Board of Education retains the sole and exclusive right to accept or reject the donor's request to name a portion of the facility. This provision is an exception to *POPPS 6201 Guidelines for Naming School Facilities or Areas Within a Facility*.
- The Superintendent, after meeting with the donor, shall make a report to the Board of Education stating the nature and amount of the gift, any conditions or uses the donor attaches to the gift, and whether the gift would benefit or enhance the School District.
- The President of the Board of Education will establish an ad hoc committee comprised of three Board members who will review the Superintendent's recommendation and make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The ad hoc committee will establish the monetary guidelines and criteria for each donation, which will serve as a framework for the Board of Education in determining the significance of the contribution in relation to the donor's request.
- All monetary donations and gifts will be held in trust by the Nashua School District consistent with state law and provisions of the city charter and ordinances.
- Donations and gifts will be used **consistent with the donor's intent and as deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.**
- The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all donations and gifts.
- A letter of appreciation signed by the superintendent and the president of the Board of Education will be sent to all donors.

### **To be acceptable\*, a gift should:**

- Comply with POPPS-7022, *Accepting Donations of Material and Equipment*
- Have a purpose consistent with that of the school/District.
- Be offered by a donor who is acceptable to the Board.
- Not place **unreasonable** restrictions on the Board of Education.
- Not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of pupils.

- Not begin a program the Board would be unwilling to assume when the donated funds are exhausted.
- Not bring undesirable, hidden, or unacceptable operating costs to the school system.
- Not conflict with any provision of the school code or public law.

*\*These conditions are guidelines that may be waived or added to by the Board of Education at its discretion.*

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