

School Board Workshop:

February 9, 2009

Subject:

Donations/Grants

Presenter:

Jim Bauck

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

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Current Practice

- ✓ D/G money is accepted for student instructional day personnel and programs if said funds are used for a pilot program or new program (3-year commitment).
- ✓ D/G money has not been used for budget cut restoration either on a short-term or long-term basis.
- ✓ D/G money has been used to fund existing program components and non-essential elements as determined by the administration which are outside the student instructional day. Non-essential elements such as but not limited to: additional coaches, travel expenses for trips outside of the district budget, upgrades in mode of travel, additional supplies, additional or early replacement of equipment, uniform upgrades, etc.
- ✓ PTA fund raising to assist with the defraying of a program cost, field trip, special presenter, or writer in residence, etc. has been allowed.

*Montrose Suzuki and the BHS music lessons are provided via community education. The students are charged a fee to participate covering the cost of the instruction. The lesson time at the high school is part of the student's music class. The design of the Montrose Suzuki program captures non-classroom time for lessons. The Montrose Suzuki program is supplemented with donations; however, the donation distribution system is outside of the school district. Both of these programs technically meet the above criteria. The district, based on clarification from MDE, loses state aid while these students participate in the community education programs.