Fenton Community High School District 100
Memorandum

To: Jason Klein, Superintendent

From: Michelle Papanicolaou, Director of Postsecondary Pathways and Division Leader of Career and Technical Education

RE: Donation - Getting Smart

Background

As part of the New Pathways Chicago event hosted by Getting Smart, Fenton High School welcomed 20 educators and educational leaders for a site visit focused on our approach to career-connected learning and the important role our community partners play in creating meaningful learning experiences for students. During the visit, we shared how local business and organizational leaders give their time and expertise to support students through internships, INCubatoredu, and team-based challenges. We highlighted the many ways these partners serve as mentors, whether helping students develop business ideas, supporting them as they work through real-world projects, or providing opportunities to explore careers firsthand. These partnerships are an important part of our work and help students connect what they learn in the classroom with the opportunities available to them beyond high school.

In appreciation of Fenton's participation and support of the event, Getting Smart generously donated a $300 Amazon electronic gift card to support continued programming and instructional resources at Fenton High School.

Specific Considerations

The donated gift card will be used to purchase materials and supplies that support our career-connected learning programs. These additional resources will help us continue creating meaningful, authentic experiences that allow students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-world projects and experiences.

Recommendation to the Board

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of a $300 Amazon electronic gift card from Getting Smart to support instructional programming at Fenton High School.