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 - White Metal Casting, Inc.

Background

Chicago White Metal Casting, Inc. (CWM) has generously donated $5,000 to support Fenton High School's INCubatoredu Entrepreneurship Program. Founded in 1937, CWM is a family-owned manufacturing company based in Bensenville that specializes in precision metal casting. For well over a decade, the company has been a valued partner of Fenton High School, generously supporting a variety of programs and initiatives that benefit our students.

The Treiber family's commitment to Fenton extends well beyond financial contributions. Both Eric Treiber and his son, Ryan, have been actively involved in our INCubatoredu program as mentors and advisory members, sharing their time, experience, and expertise with our students. Their continued involvement has helped strengthen the connection between classroom learning and the real world of business and entrepreneurship.

This latest donation reflects their ongoing commitment to Fenton and will help students access the resources they need to explore ideas, develop products, and potentially launch their own businesses.

Specific Considerations

The donated funds will support students at various stages of the entrepreneurial process, from initial concept development and prototyping to launching their own businesses. Funds may be used to purchase materials, develop and test prototypes, refine products or services, and provide other resources that help students move their business ideas forward.

Additionally, the program may award funding to student-created businesses selected through the Final Pitch competition to help cover startup expenses such as business registration, legal and administrative fees, initial inventory, product development, marketing, and other costs associated with starting a business.

These resources will give students meaningful opportunities to put what they are learning into practice and see firsthand what it takes to turn an idea into a viable business.

Recommendation to the Board

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of a $5,000 donation from Chicago White Metal Casting, Inc., to support Fenton High School's INCubatoredu Entrepreneurship Program.