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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Al Roberts, Superintendent**

FROM: Chris Jasculca

RE: Adoption of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests Policy

DATE: August 24, 2010

During its meeting on July 13, 2010, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of policy 7230 (Gifts, Grants and Bequests), which was revised by the policy committee to address the issue of equity among schools.

After discussing the committee's recommended revisions to the policy, the Board made one minor change. However, following the meeting on July 13, several community members offered feedback about the policy. Based upon this feedback, and with input from the superintendent, the policy committee changed the opening paragraph from:

The Board of Education is duly appreciative of public interest in and good will toward the schools manifested through gifts, grants, and bequests. The Board reserves the right, however, to specify the manner in which gifts are made; to define the type of gift, grant, or bequest which it considers appropriate; and to reject those which it deems inappropriate or unsuitable. If accepted, the Board will attempt to carry out the wishes of the donor.

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The Board of Education is duly appreciative of public interest in and good will toward the schools manifested through gifts, grants, and bequests. **The Board is committed to ensuring equal educational opportunities in each of the District's schools, and will not allow gifts, grants, and bequests to create inequities among them. Therefore,** the Board reserves the right, ~~however,~~ to specify the manner in which gifts are made; to define the type of gift, grant, or bequest which it considers appropriate; and to reject those which it deems inappropriate or unsuitable. If accepted, the Board will attempt to carry out the wishes of the donor.

Attached is the latest version of the policy, which features recommended revisions in bold text. The policy was made available for review by the general public via this page <http://www.op97.org/boe/policies.html> on the district's Web site.

The Gifts, Grants, and Bequests policy is being presented to the Board tonight for adoption.

Attachments:

- Gifts, Grants, and Bequests policy