

**Denton Independent School District**  
**Consider Approval of Donation from Oak Street – Mac and Cheese Festival**  
**January 14, 2025**

**SUMMARY:**

Local restaurants partnered to sponsor a Mac and Cheese Festival, bringing the community together for a fun and flavorful event. The festival was organized to raise funds aimed at supporting students and families struggling with negative meal account balances. Proceeds from the event will go directly toward alleviating this financial burden, ensuring that every student has access to nutritious meals at school without the stress of unpaid balances. This initiative highlights the power of community collaboration and generosity in addressing a critical need.

**BOARD VALUE:**

Growth & Management... In pursuit of excellence, we value demonstrating effective and efficient management of district resources and providing leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

None.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

This donation is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CDC (local) policy.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

The \$17,000 donation will be applied directly to negative student account balances within the Child Nutrition Program. This support helps ensure that children continue to receive healthy, nutritious meals at school, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. By addressing these overdue balances, the donation not only relieves stress for families but also promotes equal access to essential nutrition, allowing students to focus on learning and thriving without the worry of meal insecurities.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

This is a one-time donation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Oak Street – Mac and Cheese Festival donation in the amount of \$17,000 to Denton ISD to be applied directly to negative student account balances within the Child Nutrition Program.

**PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations  
Yalonda Weaver, Director of Grant Financial Management  
Liz Raftery, Director of Child Nutrition

**ATTACHMENT:**

None