



AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DATE: July 14, 2025

TITLE: Donations

TYPE: Action

PRESENTER: Todd Lechtenberg, Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Background:

School districts receive donations from private individuals, public entities, and trusts on a regular basis. The district implemented School Board Policy 706 – Acceptance of Gifts to ensure compliance with statutory guidance.

Rationale:

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following donations be accepted by the school board for the benefit of Austin Public School students.

DONOR	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT(S)	PURPOSE
Hormel Foods Charitable Trust in Honor of Jim and Tammy Snee	\$10,000.00	CEO Program	Program Expenses
Hormel Foods Charitable Trust in Honor of Jim and Tammy Snee	\$10,000.00	Packer Pantry	Supplies
American Red Cross	\$1,500.00	Student Scholarships	Scholarships
Lifegate Services	\$140.00	African American Student Association	Expenses
Special Olympics Minnesota	\$300.00	Early Childhood Special Education	Materials
Med City Installation from Dexter, MN	Donated labor valued at \$6,200	AHS weight room flooring installation	