



**DATE:** February 17, 2026  
**TITLE:** January Donations  
**TYPE:** Action  
**PRESENTER:** Paul Durbahn, Executive Director of Finance and Operations

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**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 Albert Lea Area School students.