



## Ector County Independent School District

### Action Page

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Anthony Sorola, Ed.D, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT  
A \$275,000 GIFT TO FUND HEPA FILTERS**

**DATE:** March 22, 2022

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The Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) is a nongovernmental organization based in Washington, DC and Austin, TX that advocates for effective enforcement of environmental laws. EIP reached out to the ECISD in January 2022 with a proposal to direct \$275,000 of funding toward a project to improve air quality for ECISD students and staff. EIP spoke with District Operations staff who identified the opportunity to utilize the available funding for purchase of replacement filters for 3,503 air purifiers recently installed in rooms throughout the District.

The funding was set aside in 2020 as a result of a legal settlement involving the Clean Air Act. The funding was set aside for a community benefit project in the Odessa area. The funding will be directed to the U.S. Treasury unless the lawsuit parties file a motion to release the funds to ECISD.

EIP has advised the District that the lawsuit parties intend to file a motion with the court to direct the funds to ECISD.

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Administrative Recommendation:

Approval to Accept a \$275,000 Gift to Fund HEPA Filters as presented.