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

FROM: Chris Jasculca

RE: Gifts, Grants and Bequests Policy

DATE: July 13, 2010

During its meeting on April 13, 2010, the Board of Education charged the District 97 policy committee with revisiting the Gifts, Grants and Bequests policy and determining whether it should be revised to address the issue of equity among schools.

After reviewing the policy during its meeting on June 18, 2010, the committee recommends changing 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. Gifts, grants, and bequests should not allow one school to benefit to the degree that inequities to students occur within the District. With this in mind,** 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.

In addition, the committee recommends, pending Board approval of the proposed changes to the policy, that the district administration review the guidelines that correspond with the policy to determine if they need to be updated to ensure consistency in language and enforcement.

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

Attachments:

- Gifts, Grants and Bequests policy that features recommended changes in bold text