



AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DATE: February 9, 2026

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
Recharge America	5000.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Austin Morning Lions	500.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Fraternal Order of Eagles	1500.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Crystal Valley	500.00	FFA Program	Expenses
Early Risers Kiwanis	250.00	AHS Adapted Bowling	Expenses
American Legion Post 91	500.00	AHS Adapted Bowling	Expenses
Fraternal Order of Eagles	2000.00	AHS Adapted Bowling	Expenses
Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative	400.00	AHS Boys Golf	Expenses
Hormel Historic Home	300.00	Austinaires	Expenses
Austin VFW	150.00	IJ Holton/Lisa Lage's Room	Expenses
The Next Chapter/Sara Sayles	Multilingual Books for Families Valued at \$300	Classrooms throughout the district	Parent Engagement
Joseph Hoopman through Give MN	30.47	District	Bulk School Supplies