



Information & Action Item: Acceptance of PTO Donations

TO: School Board

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Background & Overview

The School PTO's provide an incredible amount of time, effort, program and financial support throughout each school year. They represent a tremendous benefit to the schools and the District as a whole. Their contributions are certainly appreciated.

In addition to the many cumulatively substantial contributions that PTO's make throughout the year, periodically they also donate a single substantial item for the benefit of a school. An item that benefits students and generally would not be part of a normal expenditure of the District. By Board policy when the cost of a donated item is \$5,000 or greater, Board approval is required before the donation is accepted.

The District is fortunate enough to have the following two pending generous donation offers that exceed the \$5,000 threshold:

1. Crow Island School PTO; The proposed donation of approximately \$6,700 is for the purchase and installation of a water cooler that can be used to fill student water bottles throughout the year and in particular during the hot late spring and early fall days. This cooler will provide additional and welcomed relief to the students during those periods.
2. Carleton Washburne School PTO; the proposed donation of \$45,000 is for a substantial portion of the cost of new furniture for the cafeteria. The furniture is part of a renovation of the space to update infrastructure providing more flexible use of the space and a more engaging atmosphere.

The principals are in favor of receiving these donations and excited about the student benefits they will provide. The implementation of each of these items will also be coordinated with Adam Rappaport, Director of Building and Grounds. No additional District cost is

expected to be incurred regarding these donations, except for the additional costs of the cafeteria renovation which is part of the District's budget.

Recommendation

The recommendation is that the Board accept the proposed generous donations of a water cooler and furniture from the respective Crow Island School and Carleton Washburne School PTO's in the amounts of approximately \$6,700 and \$45,000.