

  
**St. Anthony New Brighton**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282  
**School District Policy**

*Adopted: October 6, 2010*

## **706 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the school board

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE POLICY**

It is the policy of this school district to accept gifts only in compliance with state law.

### **III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS GENERALLY**

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 of \$1000 or more, or any precondition, condition, or limitation on use included in a proposed gift with a value of \$1000 or more, furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. All other donations shall be accepted or rejected by the superintendent or designee.

- i. The school district shall solicit and accept gifts only from vendors that are consistent with its mission and that support its core educational programs, as well as special projects.
- ii. When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the school district will consider the following factors:
  - Values – whether the acceptance of the gift compromises any of the core values of the school district.
  - Compatibility – whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the school district’s use of the gift.
  - Public Relationships – whether acceptance of the gift damages the reputation of the school district.
  - Primary Benefit – whether the primary benefit is to the school district with a direct educational benefit for teaching and learning, versus the donor.
  - Consistency – whether the acceptance of the gift is consistent with prior practice.
  - Form of Gift – whether the gift is offered in a form that the school district can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty.

- Effect on Future Giving – whether the gift encourages or discourages future gifts.
- iii. All decisions to solicit and/or accept potentially controversial gifts will be made by the school board. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on the organization.

#### **IV. GIFTS OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The school board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property with a value of \$1000 or more only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members. The resolution must fully describe any conditions placed on the gift. All other donations shall be accepted or rejected by the superintendent or designee. The real or personal property so accepted may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS**

If the school board agrees to accept a bequest, donation, gift, grant or devise which contains preconditions, conditions or limitations on use, the school board shall administer it in accordance with those terms. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. §123B.02, Subd. 6 (Bequests, Donations, Gifts)  
Minn. Stat. §465.03 (Gifts)