

PUBLIC GIFTS/DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Board may accept, on behalf of the school unit, any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed suitable by the Board and in accordance with state law. All gifts shall be accepted in the name of the school unit and become the property of the school unit, but may be designated for use in a particular school or department.

Only items of legitimate use in the school program shall be accepted. The Board is under no obligation to replace a gift if it is destroyed, lost, stolen or becomes worn out. Gifts will not be accepted if they involve an excessive cost for maintenance or installation. If installation is required, the gift shall be installed under the supervision of school unit personnel.

The Board will notify, in writing, prospective donors if their gift cannot be accepted.

A. Fundraising and Solicitation of Donations by School Employees

The Board recognizes that, on occasion, staff members directly seek donations from the public for RSU 50 schools or students. If a staff member wishes to seek donations for RSU 50 schools or students, or is otherwise invoking the staff member's position with RSU 50 in soliciting donations, they must notify an administrator in advance. Unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent in writing, all such donations and funds received by staff members become the property of the RSU 50, and not the property of the individual employee who solicited the items or funds. Whenever any solicitation activity is approved, the staff member will include a message indicating that anyone choosing to donate is providing an unconditional gift to RSU 50 which shall be used in the manner RSU 50 deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

The Superintendent of designee will have final authority over whether any donations or fundraising activities are authorized. Similarly, the Superintendent and the Board have the authority to reject any donations and may require that donations be returned to the donor.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1476
 20-A MRSA § 4005

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