

**PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOLS
(Outside the appropriated budget)**

A. Funds from Friends of the School System

Gifts and donations, whether derived from direct contributions or from fundraising activities, are gratefully and generally accepted by the school district for the benefit of students and of the school district in their role as providers of educational services.

B. Funds from Friends of Individual Schools

The School Committee holds the position that PTOs/PTF and other parents/groups shall not supply funding for certified personnel positions. The same stipulation applies to materials which are considered essential for the health and safety of students.

Funds for other purposes are given to the School Committee which will then purchase or approve those expenditures. The entire amount must be available before the purchase or hire is made. Funds must cover the entire cost as determined by the Superintendent.

C. Other Gifts

An organization may decide to purchase and loan equipment for use by school groups. Such a decision requires prior approval by the Superintendent.

Corporations may give products or services to individual schools or the school district with prior approval of the Superintendent.

D. School Committee Approval

Any direct gifts or donations valued at more than \$500 require acceptance by the School Committee. Gifts between \$100 and \$500 must be documented to the Superintendent

Approved: 1/15/14