

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee S. Huff, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee C. Ripley, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee K. Shipka, Chair, Planning and Policy Committee

SUBJECT: Policy Review – Board Policy JH.BP Public Gifts

ORIGINATOR: S. Ibrahim, Acting Assistant Superintendent - Treasurer

RESOURCE
STAFF: Eila Stenberg

RECOMMENDATION

That revised Board Policy JH.BP Public Gifts (Appendix I) be considered for the third time and approved.

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Board Policy JH.BP – Public Gifts was recommended for reaffirmation with only minor changes to address clarity and was posted as a web-survey for on-line stakeholder feedback. There were 64 responses of which 25 had comments. Many of the comments addressed the desire for further information or detail which is already available in Administrative regulation JH.AR – Public Gifts, or the *Income Tax Act*. Based on the comments received a number of amendments were made to the policy. The reference to Edmonton Public Schools at the end of items b. and c. in the list of the examples of the use of donations has been removed for consistency as the policy is clear that donations are received by Edmonton Public Schools for use by Edmonton Public Schools. The use of donations to fund facility additions or enhancements has been added as an additional major area for which donations will be accepted. As well, although included in the draft policy, the example of donations being used for the establishment of scholarships or memorial funds was deleted in error when the policy was posted as a web-survey and has been reinserted.

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APPENDIX I - Proposed Board Policy JH.BP – Public Gifts

Edmonton Public Schools

Board Policies and Regulations

CODE: JH.BP
TOPIC: Public Gifts

EFFECTIVE DATE:
ISSUE DATE:
REVIEW DATE:

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

The Board encourages and welcomes donations to Edmonton Public Schools, for the enhancement of educational opportunities offered students, which are consistent with District priorities, policies and values.

The Edmonton School District No. 7 is a “Registered Canadian Charitable Organization” within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*. This permits the acceptance of donations **of property (cash and gifts in kind)** that may be ~~considered as non-refundable tax credits~~, **eligible for official donation receipts**. Such donations ~~and gifts in kind~~ shall be for the advancement of education which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- ~~a. donations and gifts such as estates, personal property, furnishings, equipment, paintings, books, photographs and artifacts;~~
- a. the establishment of scholarships **or memorial funds**;
- ~~b. the establishment of memorial funds;~~
- b. the giving of special prizes or awards to students ~~of the Edmonton Public Schools~~;
- c. the promotion of co-curricular or extra-curricular activities ~~within the Edmonton Public Schools~~; and
- d. the purchase of equipment; and**
- e. the funding of facility additions or enhancements**

Reference(s):

[Income Tax Act](#) Section 149.1

JH.AR – Public Gifts

JAA.BP – Educational Partnerships and Sponsorships

DFGA.AR – School Generated Funds