

GIFTS TO AND SOLICITATIONS BY STAFF

Gifts

No employee of the School Committee will accept a personal gift from a business concern supplying, or with an interest in supplying, goods, materials, equipment, or services to the school system. This restriction does not relate to the acceptance of gifts for the school system, nor to the acceptance of small and clearly identifiable advertising and promotional materials. Gifts for the school system in excess of \$200.00 will require formal School Committee approval.

Solicitations

In spirit, the School Committee supports the many worthwhile charitable drives that take place in the community and is gratified when school employees give them their support. However, the solicitation of funds from staff members through the use of school personnel and school time must be held at a minimum. Therefore, no solicitations of funds for charitable purposes will be made among staff members except with specific School Committee approval. Whenever such solicitations are made, no pressure will be exerted to obtain contributions even though the drive is one that the School Committee has specifically approved.

The solicitation of funds for a district approved foundation or charitable organization will be permitted on an annual basis.

LEGAL REF: State Ethics Commission, Ethics Primer: Giving Gifts and Gratuities

CROSS REFS.: [KHA](#), Public Solicitations in the Schools

[JP](#), Student Donations and Gifts

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