



Shrewsbury Public Schools

6 May 2020

To: School Committee

Subject: ANONYMOUS DONATION TO THE DISTRICT

Background

In accordance with School Committee Policy 911: Gifts and Donations, we are proposing the acceptance of a new anonymous donation in the amount of \$50,000. Since it is valued over \$5,000, acceptance requires an affirmative vote by the School Committee.

We are very grateful that the donors, a Shrewsbury family with a child in our school district, seek to support our students during an already difficult financial time, that has intensified due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intended Use of the Donation

The donors wish to support the following unbudgeted and new COVID-19 related expenses.

Unbudgeted Covid-19 Expense Estimating	Cost/Estimate
Educational technology resources to mitigate learning loss during school closure	
Cellular iPads for students without home internet	\$ 10,000
SeeSaw Educational Software [1 yr.] to provide remote learning at elementary level	\$ 12,500
Zoom software, Educational/Professional license [1 yr] to facilitate remote learning and meetings at all levels	\$ 27,500
	\$ 50,000

In accordance with the policy, the Committee should know that the donors have no contingencies or expectations as a result of this donation, and the donation is a clear example of their altruism and hope to sustain the school district during this unprecedented time.

Recommendation

It is strongly recommended that the School Committee vote to accept this generous donation.