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Durham Public Schools

Board of Education Work Session

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Agenda Item: Grants, Gifts, and Donations – December 2025 Reporting

Building Our Future Strategic Plan Priority: 1 2 3 4 5

Staff Liaison Present: Kenneth Barnes
Chief Operating Officer **Phone:** 919-560-2000

Main Points:

Policy #8220 requires that the Board be notified of an accepted donation greater than \$5,000. The following grants and/or donations were approved by the Superintendent for November 2025:

- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Kimes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in the amount of \$200.00 for hygiene and hair products for students experiencing homelessness.
- Office of Public Affairs received a donation from the DPS Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for sponsorship of the kindergarten backpack distribution.
- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Laronte Bryant in the amount of \$500.00 for students and families during the winter months.
- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Sonya Scott in the amount of \$250.00 for unsheltered students during the winter months.
- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Tau Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the amount of \$100.00 for students and families during the holiday.
- DSA Social Studies Department received a grant from the Jack Miller Center in the amount of \$5000.00 for the Teaching America 250 Award.
- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Laronte Bryant in the amount of \$500.00 for students and families during the winter months.
- McKinney-Vento Services received a donation from Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church Seniors in the amount of \$251.50 to support families and students in transition with laundry supplies.
- DPS Social Workers received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Made In Durham for a Chick-fil-A breakfast for a staff meeting.



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- The Lead Nurse Office received a donation from Smitten Boutique in the amount of \$160.00 for feminine hygiene supplies.
- Student Support Services received a donation from the JM Belk Foundation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the DPS FAFSA Roadshow for DPS seniors.
- The CTE Department received a donation from New Hope Bird Alliance in the amount of \$1,000.00 to support teacher professional development with a focus on birds.
- Burton Elementary School received a donation from Michael Saunders in the amount of \$5,000.00 for general school use.
- DPS Social Workers received toy donations from Duke Children's Hospital with an estimated value of \$4,500.00 to distribute to DPS children in need during the holiday season.
- EK Powe Elementary School received a donation from Counsel Trust in the amount of \$14,533.57 for continued support of the school.

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