

1 The Transylvania County Board of Education (the “board”) encourages individuals and
2 organizations to consider making a donation of real property, personal property, or funds to the
3 school system. Donations, whether in the form of a gift or bequest, foster community support for
4 the schools and improve the school system for the benefit of students and others. As an
5 expression of the board’s gratitude, the superintendent shall provide for the appropriate
6 recognition of donors.

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8 **A. SUITABILITY OF DONATIONS**
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10 The superintendent shall evaluate any donation offer in order to determine whether the
11 donation is suitable for the school or the school system. Donations may not conflict with
12 the school system’s educational mission. In determining the suitability of a donation
13 intended to benefit any program that is appropriately segregated by gender, such as a
14 school athletic program, the superintendent must consider equity and Title IX issues in
15 relation to overall funding and opportunities for participation.

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17 Donations of real or personal property will be accepted only if the donor can demonstrate
18 that he or she has clear and free title to the property. The superintendent also must
19 consider any safety hazards associated with gifts of real or personal property. Donations
20 must not impose any undue financial burden or obligation on the school system. Any
21 donation that includes advertisements must be consistent with policy 5240, Advertising in
22 the Schools, and the food and beverage marketing requirements of policy 6140, Student
23 Wellness.

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25 For computer equipment or other technological resources, the superintendent shall ensure
26 that such items are compatible with minimum hardware and software standards set by the
27 technology director. Any donation from an E-rate service provider must comply with gift
28 rules applicable to federal agencies.

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30 **B. ACCEPTING DONATIONS**
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32 Upon receiving an offer of a donation to the school, a principal must give the
33 superintendent written notification that states the nature of the donation and the purpose
34 for which it is donated. The principal does not have the authority to accept donations to
35 the school.

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37 The superintendent may accept donations up to \$25,000 on behalf of the board. The
38 superintendent shall report any accepted donations of more than a nominal value at the
39 next board meeting. The board reserves the right to determine in each particular case the
40 appropriateness of a donation and may accept or reject a donation as the board sees fit.

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42 The superintendent shall make a recommendation to the board on the suitability of any
43 donation with a value that exceeds \$25,000. After considering the superintendent’s
44 recommendation, the board will decide whether to accept the donation.

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46 **C. USE OF A DONATION**
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48 Unless otherwise specified in a written agreement approved by the board, any accepted
49 donation becomes the permanent property of the school system. Anything purchased
50 with donated funds, including funds raised through a crowdfunding campaign, project, or
51 platform, become the property of the school system, and the title to such property vests in
52 the board. If the board at any time determines that property donated, or acquired with
53 donated funds, is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, the board may
54 dispose of such property in accordance with state law.
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56 A donor may request that a donation be designated for a particular purpose. However,
57 the board reserves the right to utilize the donation as it deems appropriate.
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59 Any donation constituting revenues will be deposited in the proper account. The specific
60 manner in which donated funds are expended for a designated purpose will be determined
61 under the direction of the superintendent.
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63 The board has no responsibility and makes no promises to continue any program initiated
64 with donor contributions once the donated funds are expended.
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66 Before installation of major donations that will become a permanent part of the school
67 facility or grounds, such as playground equipment, bleachers, scoreboards, outdoor lights,
68 or fences, the superintendent or designee must approve the design, location, and
69 construction material.
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71 Legal References: ~~47 C.F.R. 54.503; FCC Sixth Report and Order 10-175; G.S. 115C, art. 35;~~
72 ~~G.S. 115C-36, -47, -518; G.S. 115C, art. 35; 47 C.F.R. 54.503; FCC Sixth Report and Order 10-~~
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75 Cross References: Technology in the Educational Program (policy 3220), Advertising in the
76 Schools (policy 5240), Student Wellness (policy 6140), **Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School**
77 **System (policy 7360/8225)**
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