

Edmonds School District No. 15 Guidelines for Parent and Community Donations

With the significant funding shortfall facing Edmonds School District for 2009-10, parents and community groups have expressed an interest in being able to raise funds to offset budget reductions required for the General Fund operating budget for 2009-10. We sincerely appreciate the generous spirit of the questions we've received regarding donations, and hope the following information is helpful.

General guidelines for individual or group donations:

1. All donations accepted by Edmonds School District for a specific purpose will be ***used only for that purpose.***
2. Donations to the District ***generally qualify as tax deferred contributions***; please verify any specific tax questions with a qualified tax professional.
3. As a general rule, the District does not fund staff positions with donations. However, ***if a donation covers the entire cost of a position for a year and the full amount is on deposit with the District, a specific exception may be possible.***
4. By donating an amount to ***cover the cost of supplies, equipment, transportation, or other operating costs of a program***, the District may be able to free up enough funds to restore personnel-related reductions.
5. If the District is able to fill a position previously reduced, ***we cannot guarantee which individual will be rehired.*** The individual person offered the position is determined according to the negotiated contract between the District and the union/employee group, and the availability of the employees whose positions were cut.
6. To maintain equitable access to programs for students, ***districtwide programs or activities must be restored at all schools that were affected by the reduction, not just one school.*** Donations must be sufficient to restore the full districtwide cost of a program before a budget reduction will be restored at one school.

Questions? Please contact Marla Miller, 425.431.7036, MillerM@edmonds.wednet.edu.

To make a contribution, please:

- Make checks ***payable to Edmonds School District***
- Provide an accompanying ***statement of how the funds may be used*** (e.g., limited to a specific purpose, or available to offset General Fund reductions as a whole)
- Send the donation to the following address:
Edmonds School District No. 15
Att: Business Office
20420 68th Avenue West
Lynnwood, WA 98036