



Mayor Joshua Garcia

City of Holyoke

Law Department

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Honorable Councilors
of the City Council
City Council Chambers
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

Re: Acceptance of Anonymous Donation to the School Department

Dear Honorable Councilors:

During the Finance Committee meeting held on November 30, 2022, a question arose as to whether the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, §53A apply to the acceptance of a donation to the School Department.

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71, §37A, the School Committee of a city, town or regional district school committee are authorized to accept and disburse grants and gifts for educational purposes. Monies accepted by the School Committee shall be deposited with the Treasurer's Office and shall be expended by the School Committee without any further appropriation notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, §53.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen E. Degnan
Assistant City Solicitor