



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Superintendent

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To: School Committee
Re: Gift from Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union to Fund Coordinator of Development & Volunteer Activities Positions

As you know, last spring we entered into a multi-year partnership with Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union (SFCU) as the sponsor of the “Colonial Connections” program that will align with the district’s strategic priority of *connected learning for a complex world*. This sponsorship includes \$400,000 of funding over five years that will support the purchase of a van that would provide transportation for students to access learning experiences outside of school; funds for various activities, speakers, and/or materials that will support career awareness and “real world” learning; and initial funding for Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well Being position, a role that has been filled by Dr. Jane Lizotte.

Continuing their tradition of supporting our schools and community, SFCU has also offered to provide a generous gift of \$40,000 to fund the district’s two, part-time Coordinator of Development & Volunteer Activities positions for 2019-2020. Ms. Michelle Biscotti and Ms. Kathleen Keohane, the Coordinators of Development & Volunteer Activities, coordinate volunteer efforts across the district and work on development and sponsorship efforts, including the highly successful *Campaign for Shrewsbury Athletic Fields*, as well as the Colonial Fund, which most recently has supported the purchase of equipment and materials to outfit the Design Lab at Oak Middle School. These two positions are part-time, school-year roles that come with a stipend of \$20,000 each. Since the advent of the original Coordinator of Volunteer Services role in 2006, funding for the role has been provided by various co-sponsors, including SFCU. With one of the recent co-sponsors discontinuing its support, we are very grateful that SFCU is willing to provide the full amount of funding for the 2019-2020 school year through this generous gift.

Representatives from SFCU will be at the meeting on September 4 to discuss their donation, and I strongly recommend that the School Committee vote to accept the gift of \$40,000 from Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union to fund the Coordinator of Development & Volunteer Activities Positions for the 2019-2020 school year.