



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee



Memo to the School Committee: Gift from Celebration in the Garden Party

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Superintendent

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To: School Committee

Re: Gift from Celebration in the Garden Party

Available Funds

Through the hard work and dedication of many Shrewsbury community members, significant funds were again raised for the Shrewsbury Public Schools through the final year of the “Celebration in the Garden” fundraising event. This year, the organizers of this event are contributing \$35,000 to our schools.

Distribution of Funds

These funds will be deposited into the Colonial Fund account and then allocated proportionally to each school to provide funding for needs and opportunities. The fund allocation will be as follows.

Parker Road Preschool:	\$1,500
Beal Early Childhood Center:	\$1,750
Coolidge School:	\$2,500
Floral Street School:	\$4,000
Paton School:	\$2,000
Spring Street School:	\$2,000
Sherwood Middle School:	\$5,750
Oak Middle School:	\$6,000
Shrewsbury High School:	\$9,500
Total:	\$35,000

Investment of Funds

In recent years, the majority of funds have been devoted to technology purchases for items such as interactive white boards, projectors, document cameras, iPads, wireless networks, and educational software and apps. Without these funds, a great deal of the innovative work happening across our schools would not be possible. We expect that this year’s funds will be used similarly, and that they will have a significant impact on our ability to prepare our students for a 21st century learning and work environment. We are extremely grateful to the Garden Party Host Committee, the event sponsors, and participants for enabling this generous gift to our schools.