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Education Service Provider (ESP) as of the date above: Pearson Virtual Schools

GIFT SOLICITATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Purpose

The Board is committed to high standards of ethical conduct. The acceptance of personal gifts of significant value by Board members could expose the Board to a conflict of interest. The purpose of this policy is to protect the Board from any possible conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety by prohibiting Board members from soliciting or accepting personal gifts of significant value.

Policy

Board members and their immediate family members (as defined in Conflict of Interest Policy) are prohibited from soliciting or accepting any substantial personal gift offered as a result of the member's position on the Board. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a Board member may accept a personal gift if the value of the gift does not exceed fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple gifts from a single source in any calendar year are prohibited if their aggregate value exceeds (\$50) fifty dollars

Procedure

Board

Unless prohibited by law, Board members and their immediate family members may accept a personal gift where the value of the gift does not exceed fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple gifts from a single source in any calendar year are prohibited.

Before a Board member or their immediate family member may accept any personal gift that exceeds the fifty (\$50) dollars set amount, the Board member must submit the matter to Board counsel for review. Acceptance of such gift shall require Board approval and may also require additional disclosures to other state entities based on Board counsel's advice.

Violations of the Policy

If the Board obtains information that a Board member has violated this policy, the Board shall inform the member and afford the Board member an opportunity to explain the alleged violation.

If the Board determines that the member has violated this policy, the Board shall take appropriate corrective action, which may include but is not limited to return or repayment of the gift, and depending on the circumstances, potentially removal from the Board.

Related Documents

Conflict of Interest Policy

Dates of Previous Approvals:

October 21, 2020