

**MEMO TO: BOARD MEMBERS
DR. JOHN SIMPSON**

FROM: BRUCE ELLERMAN

DATE: JULY 31, 2017

RE: APPROVAL OF MAKERSPACE DONATION

The District has recently received an anonymous donation of \$100,000 with the stipulation that it be used to support “experiential learning” through the creation and operation of the new makerspace initiative at Webster Groves High School. Board Policy KH provides that the Board of Education approve all gifts exceeding \$5,000 or gifts that involve “equipment or services that may involve installation or major costs for maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds”. Creation and maintenance of a makerspace program at the High School does involve installation costs and ongoing operational support. However, it represents an initiative that the High School was already preparing to launch in some form regardless of whether or not outside financial support and assistance was received. Therefore, this donation just helps to make the goal more robust and achievable.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION....that the Webster Groves School District Board of Education accept the anonymous donation of \$100,000 and approve using it to support implementation and operation of the makerspace program at Webster Groves High School during the 2017-18 school year.