

GIFTS TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The General Municipal Law expressly prohibits school district employees from directly or indirectly soliciting, accepting or receiving any gift having a value of seventy-five (\$75) dollars or more, whether in the form of money, services, loans, travel, entertainment, hospitality, etc., under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence the performance of their duties.

Students, parents, and other district residents and taxpayers should be discouraged from the presentation of gifts to teachers and other district employees. Acceptance of such gifts may give the appearance of influence or reward. The district may allow letters of appreciation in place of the routine giving of gifts to teachers by students.

The Board may consider as appropriate the presentation of token gifts to retiring staff members as a gesture of appreciation for their service.

General Municipal Law §805-a; §806

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