

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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June 20, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:


## GIFTS / MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:

1. \$655.62 from HELPSY to the Kennedy Longfellow School in return for items collected in the school's clothing/book donation collection box. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.
2. An in-kind donation of picture books valued at \$800 made to the Library Media Services department by Lesley University Alumni Council in honor of Professor Emerita Mary Mindess. *See supplemental information.*

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee accept and approve the above donations as described.

SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter II, Section 19, Acceptance of Grants for Expenditure. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.c.44 & 53A, the Superintendent or his/her designee may submit applications for grants or gifts from federal, state, charitable foundation, private corporation or individual. Grant or gift awards for educational purposes must be submitted to the School Committee for acceptance and approval prior to expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Victoria L. Greer, PhD  
Superintendent of Schools

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**Lesley University Alumni Council Book Donation**

From the Lesley University Alumni Council:

“In 2023 the world lost a true beacon in early childhood education - Professor Emerita Mary Mindess born Feb. 7, 1930, in Portland, Maine, died at home several days after her 93rd birthday. Professor Mindess was one of the university’s first professors of Early Childhood Education, she taught at Lesley for 53 years, and helped launch the renowned Kindergarten Conference in 1962. She managed the conference for over 40 years and helped establish the Reggio Emilia Inspired Institute at Lesley, bringing educators from all over the world to promote a theory of early education that emphasizes exploration, self-directed learning, and building relationships.”

In her honor; the Alumni Council, in partnership with Lesley University, requested that alumni attending the alumni weekend in June bring a K-2 book to donate across the elementary school libraries in Cambridge Public Schools.