



**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: 9/1/2026  
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Daniel Ulrich, Executive Director of Finance and Grants  
Subject: Recommendation to Approve the Acceptance of the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation Grant

**The Issue:**

Public School Districts must authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

**Justification:**

The grant funds will enable the EAHS Extension Campus to purchase additional equipment for students to use, enhancing their participation in physical education.

**Board Policy and Past Practices:**

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, the Superintendent shall manage the district's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in the policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

**Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #4, Operational Excellence, which states the following: *East Aurora School District 131 will maximize grants to the fullest extent possible. (More than typical growth, community partnerships).*

**Community Impact:**

Grant funds will provide Middle and High school students with the opportunity to further engage in physical activity during the school day by purchasing equipment to promote physical activity and healthy habits.

**Supporting Data:**

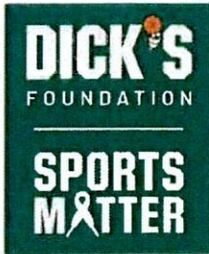
Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation Grant

**Financial Impact:**

The agreement awards \$2,000 to East Aurora School District.

**Timeline for Decision:**

09/08/2026



## GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Dear Paula Cardona,

The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation (the "**Foundation**") is pleased to inform you that it is prepared to deliver a grant as part of its Sports Matter Program ("**Program**") to your organization on the terms set forth in this Grant Award Agreement ("**Agreement**").

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| Grant:              | \$2,000.00 ("Grant")                                                                                           |
| Grantee:            | Kane County School District Aurora East School District #131, a Public School ("Grantee")                      |
| Grantee Address:    | 310 Seminary Ave.<br>Aurora, Illinois 60505                                                                    |
| Grantee Contact:    | Paula Cardona                                                                                                  |
| Grantee Tax ID No.: | 36-6004752                                                                                                     |
| Purpose:            | To support the Grantee's sports programs for children K-12, including related administrative costs ("Purpose") |

In consideration of the Grant, Grantee agrees as follows:

1. The payment of the Grant will not be made until the Foundation receives a copy of this Agreement signed by an authorized officer of Grantee indicating acceptance of the terms of this Agreement.

2. The Grant must be used solely for the Purpose; in any event, Grant funds must be used exclusively for purposes described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). No Grant funds may be spent for any other purpose. Without limiting the foregoing, the Grant funds and income thereon may not be used for any of the following purposes: (1) to carry on propaganda, or otherwise to attempt, to influence legislation within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(1) of the Code; (2) to influence the outcome of any specific public election, or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive within the meaning of section 4945(d)(2) of the Code; (3) to make any grant to an individual or organization which does not comply with the requirements of Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Code; or (4) to undertake any activity which is not charitable within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Any Grant funds not expended or committed for the Purpose must be returned to the Foundation. Grantee agrees that the Foundation has standing to enforce the conditions of this Agreement, including repayment of diverted and unused funds.

3. The conditions with respect to the Grant set forth in this Agreement are intended to satisfy the requirements for expenditure responsibility under Section 4945(h) of the Code. If additional requirements are deemed to be necessary by the Foundation to comply with the requirements under Section 4945(h) of the Code, Grantee agrees to comply with any additional requirements.

4. Grantee shall provide annual narrative and financial reports on the use of the grant funds, including income thereon, to the Foundation. The reports shall be made no later than Sunday, September 27, 2026. The reports shall provide an analysis of the charitable purposes accomplished through use of the grant funds for the Program.

5. Upon request, the Foundation may audit the books and records of Grantee to confirm compliance with this Agreement.

6. The Foundation may include information about the Grant in its periodic public reports and press statements. Grantee agrees to cooperate with the Foundation in publicizing the Grant and the Program. Grantee will not issue any public statement, including without limitation social media posts, regarding the Grant without the Foundations prior written approval (via email is sufficient), which will not be unreasonably withheld.

7. Except as expressly prohibited by applicable law, Grantee will indemnify and hold harmless the Foundation and those acting with the Foundation from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, liabilities and costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) which arise out of (i) Grantee's acts or omissions related to Grantee's use of the Grant and (ii) Grantee's breach of this Agreement.

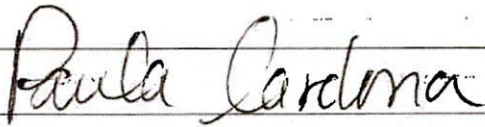
8. This Agreement and the Grant are not assignable by Grantee without the prior written permission of the Foundation. The Foundation, its parents, successors and assigns, will have the unlimited right to assign this Agreement and the rights granted at any time, in whole or in part, to any party.

9. Except as expressly prohibited by applicable law, the issuing of the Grant, and any disputes relating thereto, will be governed solely by the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any disputes will be resolved exclusively in the state or federal courts in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In no event will the Foundation's liability exceed the amount of the Grant as listed above.

Sincerely,

Rick Jordan  
Executive Director  
The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:**

|               |                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature:    |  |
| Printed Name: | Paula Cardona                                                                       |
| Title:        | Executive Director of Information Systems/CIO                                       |
| Date:         | 9/1/2026                                                                            |