



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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TO Board of Education
FROM Karen Apostoli
Executive Director of Business & Operations
DATE September 17, 2026
SUBJECT St. Andrew's Art Donation

This memo is:

- ☐ Information only.
- ☒ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: October 1, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☒ in previous Board packet(s) dated: January 9, 2025
- ☐ or attached to this memo

Basic Information/Overview	The administration is asking the Board to accept a donation of \$2,500 from St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club.
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment	
Background or historical information	From Jerry Hinckley of St. Andrew's: Grace Jemsek, whose father built St. Andrews, was an Art teacher by training. In the 1930s and 40s, she would travel to different schools in the West Chicago area to teach art in the winter months (when the course was not busy). As the family approaches the 100th year anniversary of being in business at St. Andrew's, we would like to offer District 33 a gift of \$500 for each of the five elementary schools for art supplies. Kids are the future, and we hope this gift helps teachers a bit and can bring some joy and creativity to young minds. If you would like to move forward with this gift, we will send the payment to the District for \$2,500.

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue	The Board has accepted donations from St. Andrew's for the previous two school years. Board policy 8:80 requires that the Board accept donations, or gifts, of more than \$500 in value. Art teachers will be given the following parameters: • Develop a project that involves a grade level or the whole school community. • Create a new center for students to explore during art. • The end product must be shared with the school community or the public (via an art show) and able to be shared with St. Andrew's (via photos).
Recommendation	Approve the acceptance of the \$2,500 (\$500 for each elementary school).
Other Questions	