

MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Gift Fund Spending Policy
for the
Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind**

Gift funds donated to the Michigan School for the Deaf shall be utilized for the benefit of hearing impaired students who are residents of the State of Michigan. Gift funds donated to the Michigan School for the Blind shall be utilized for the benefit of visually impaired students who are residents of the State of Michigan.

Use of gift funds may include, but not be limited to:

- Summer and special program opportunities for students to supplement educational programs, including salaries of staff, benefits, supplies, recreational activities, and transportation.
- Workshops and training opportunities for parents, caregivers, teachers, and other professional staff for the purpose of sharing information, learning skills, and developing services to visually and/or hearing impaired students.
- Maintenance and renovation of existing Camp Tuhsmeheeta property and buildings, and for the development of new facilities at the Camp.
- Scholarships or financial assistance for visually and/or hearing impaired students.
- Emergency needs for students enrolled in MSD/B programs, including clothing, personal items, emergency housing, and medical care.
- Potential cash match opportunities.

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