Use of Donated Property

A conveyance, devise, or bequest of property for the benefit of the public schools, if not otherwise directed by the donor, vests the property in a board or their successors as trustees for those to be benefited by the donation. Funds or other property donated or the income from the property may be spent by the trustees:

1. For any purpose designated by the donor that is in keeping with the lawful purposes of the schools for the benefit of which the donation was made; or
2. For any legal purpose if a specific purpose is not designated by the donor.

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Charitable Raffles

A district is not a “qualified nonprofit organization” for purposes of the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act and shall not sponsor or conduct raffles, i.e., award one or more prizes by chance at a single occasion among a pool or group of persons who have paid or promised a thing of value for a ticket that represents a chance to win a prize. *Occupations Code 2002.001 et seq.; Atty. Gen. Op. JM-1176 (1990)* [See also GKB]