



Day of Giving

One Day. One Community. One Heart.

February 19, 2021

Dear Families and Community:

Last year, the district hosted the first annual Day of Giving. Our goal was to provide a unified opportunity for our community to demonstrate generosity while supporting the financial needs of our schools. Nearly \$100,000 was raised by staff, parents, businesses and community members for Mattawan Consolidated School. These monies went towards four categories: Academics, Band/Fine Arts, Athletics and Facilities. More specifically, funds raised were designated to fulfill Brain Strong Awards for teachers through the Mattawan Public Education Foundation, to purchase new marching band uniforms through Band Boosters and to enhance athletic fields and facilities through Athletic Boosters. Most of the funds were applied during the 2020-2021 school year and we hold remaining funds to ensure they are used to the greatest benefit of our school community once we return to campus entirely.

The rationale behind Day of Giving is simple: *Your giving helps close the gap between the funding the district receives from the state and the true cost of providing rich, engaging educational opportunities for our students each year. Additionally, the Day of Giving is designed to reduce the number of fundraisers across the district.*

We recognize that this past year has been financially challenging for many in our community. We had several conversations regarding whether or not to hold a Day of Giving this school year in light of COVID-19, yet, we felt that it was important to continue this tradition by allowing people who wish to and are able to give to support the district.

The Day of Giving will take place on Friday, March 26! This year, you may choose to give to the following:

- **Academics:** Funds received will be distributed through the Mattawan Public Education Foundation. These funds will be used to provide innovative learning experiences for our students, and continuing education and professional development for teachers and staff.
- **Fine Arts/Band:** Donations will go towards enhancing Middle and High School musical productions and performances and the purchase of brass instruments for the Band.
- **Athletics:** Donations will be distributed through the Athletic Boosters for ongoing and necessary improvements to athletic fields and facilities. The tennis courts remain a priority and together with funds raised in 2020, we are closer to addressing those needs.
- **Parent Associations:** Parent Associations are typically funded through the annual Walkathon and through sales of Mattawan logo merchandise at sporting and school sponsored events, but given these events did not take place in 2020, MEEPA, MLEAP, MMSPA and MHSPA have been added to the Day of Giving. Parent Associations support field trips and assemblies that enhance learning, resources and materials for classrooms, and teacher appreciation activities. In addition, MHSPA typically raises funds toward Grad Bash and various scholarship and program requests. Funds will be distributed equally between the four buildings' parent associations. We hope that the 2021-2022 school year will allow a return of Walkathon and events where merchandise can be sold.

Stay tuned for more information and click [here](#) for our website. Thank you for your continued support of our school district. Every donation matters and every donation makes a difference.

Best regards,



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Superintendent

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