

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Westwood School Committee

**FROM:** Lemma Jn-Baptiste, Director of Finance and Operations

**DATE:** April 15, 2026

**RE:** Acceptance of gift from Mass Council on Gaming and Health

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally notify the School Committee of a donation of \$1,000 received from the Mass Council on Gaming and Health. This donation is designated for the Westwood High School Wellness Department. Per district policy, I am requesting that the School Committee vote to approve the acceptance of this gift.


### **Background**

The Mass Council for Gaming and Health is issuing a payment of \$1,000 to Westwood Schools in gratitude for allowing a teacher to attend a "Train the Trainer" program for a day. Nathan Costello attended a training on March 13, 2026, and will be sharing what he learned with our Wellness department and implementing the 4 lessons on Gambling Education and Prevention in his 10th-grade Wellness II classes. It is the intent of the district to use these funds to cover substitute costs for 1 day and equipment and supplies used in Westwood High wellness classes.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend that the School Committee vote to approve this \$1,000 gift from the Mass Council for Gaming and Health. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lemma Jn-Baptiste