

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRANT NAME: IKEA Donation and release Agreement

DEPARTMENT: Operations / Facilities Dept. NHPS

DATE: 12/5/2024

Funding request: Non-financial donation, from September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) has secured a generous donation from the Diaper Bank of CT and Amazon consisting of recycling bins valued at \$450,000.00+. This donation will provide quarterly and monthly support to assist with the district to meet the requirements of the CT General Assembly mandate that public schools supply menstrual products in restrooms. In addition to this district wide support, Amazon has partnered to provide supplemental menstrual products specifically to Nathan Hale School, further addressing the needs of the students at this site.

These contributions are vital for ensuring compliance with the legislation, which went into effect on September 1, 2024, as an unfunded mandate, leaving districts to independently identify the necessary resources.

The dual donation addresses the following needs:

- **Compliance of Law:** Ensures NHPS meets the requirements of the Public Act by supplying menstrual products in restrooms across the district.
- **Equity and Accessibility:** Provides free access to essential hygiene products, reducing barriers to education for all students.
- **Support for student well-being:** Enhances the learning environment by addressing the needs of students and promoting dignity and equity.

The products from the Diaper Bank of CT will be distributed districtwide, while Amazon's contribution will focus on supporting the needs of Nathan Hale School.

Given the unfunded nature of the mandate, NHPS sought external partnerships to fulfill the legislative requirements without reallocating critical resources. These donations provide:

- A sustainable two-year solution to meet the product supply requirements.
- Targeted support for Nathan Hale school through Amazon's additional contribution.
- An opportunity to promote equity and student well-being across the district.

The collaboration between NHPS, the Diaper Bank of CT, and Amazon exemplifies a community driven approach to addressing student needs and legislative mandates. Approval of these donations by the Board of Aldermen is the final step to formalize this essential partnership and ensure successful implementation.