

PITTSFORD DISTRICT PTSA GIFTING POLICY

In accordance with the New York State Law, the Pittsford District PTSA has the following policy regarding gifting for teachers:

The Pittsford PTSA recognizes the desire for parents to gift a teacher for his or her job during the year. The choice of the gift/gifts is left to the Room Parents and the parents of the students in the class. This could be cards, flowers, etc. If the Room Parents choose to collect funds, this should be done so with the compliance of the New York state law. Pittsford District PTSA can only support one teacher appreciation day and a one-time collection of money per teacher, not to exceed seventy-five dollars. For either event, the PTSA Room Parent may ask for voluntary contributions from the students' parents towards a group gift for the teacher, or the Room Parent may make or ask for small contributions for a gift. This amount may not exceed the monetary or merchandise value of \$75 per teacher or paraprofessional in the room.

The recommended amount of the contribution should be three dollars per student, not to exceed the value of six dollars per student for the teaching staff.

The Pittsford District PTSA does not support other ways of recognizing or gifting the teaching staff, such as raffles or merchandise for individual teachers or groups of teachers outside of the designated teacher appreciation day. The PTSA may gift money to the classroom or school.

As a representative of the PTSA, the Room Parent may not collect merchandise or money for any other gift for the teacher at other times of the year, including holidays. The Pittsford District PTSA does not monitor or manage individual parent gifting.

THIS INFORMATION IS AS PER THE NY STATE GEN. MUN. LAW 805-a:

Certain action prohibited. 1. No municipal officer or employee shall: a. directly or indirectly, solicit any gift, or accept or receive any gift having a value of seventy-five dollars or more, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or in any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him, or could reasonably be expected to influence him, in the performance of his official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his part.

1. Groups or individuals can only give up to \$75 to any public employee over the course of the year. i.e., \$75/year/teacher or staff.

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