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## **LPS honors DFCU Financial for its \$40,000 in donations**

Donating \$10,000 to a cause such as the Livonia Public Schools is a big deal; donating that amount of money four years in a row brings a special recognition.

DFCU Financial and its CEO, Mark Shobe, accepted a glass sculpture marking the appreciation of the LPS schools and its foundation for the major donations.

"In our eyes, you and the members of your fine institution are indeed champions for children," said Jay Young, director of the LPS community services department, during the presentation Jan. 29.

The \$40,000 in donations over the past four years was earmarked for special projects.

They include funding a computer Internet purchase to supplement the Ford Motor Company Partnership for Advanced Studies program at Holmes Middle School; the business/teacher connection that involves the Livonia Chamber of Commerce; the Patriots Relate orientation program for incoming ninth graders at Franklin High; and funding an anti-bullying in-service training for teachers and parents.

Shobe noted that DFCU Financial was pleased to be part of a great school district partnership. "We're proud to be part of it and thank you for letting us be part of it," he said.

The four years of donations began in 2003 with the opening of the DFCU Financial (formerly Dearborn Federal Credit Union) at Newburgh and Seven Mile.

The gifts are part of a corporate goal of supporting public education in the communities DFCU serves.

In 2004, the organization opened a second branch at Franklin High, allowing student staff to work with DFCU employees to provide financial services there.

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