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# SOA CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH DONATION



CECIL BYKERK, SOA PRESIDENT AT TIME OF PHOTO



CHECK PRESENTATION TO REV. GREGORY GROOVER, CHAIRMAN, BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE



GREG HEIDRICH, SOA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**AS A PART OF THE SOA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** and in keeping with the SOA's mission of education, the SOA donated \$25,000 to the Boston Public Schools (BPS) on Friday, Oct. 23 to help BPS enhance its math programs. These programs will help students throughout BPS to continue to grow their math skills and be successful at higher math levels.

In addition, The Actuarial Foundation donated its *Building Your Future* financial literacy packets to the Boston Latin Academy, with plans to expand the donation to include other schools in the system. *Building Your Future* is designed to help high school students easily grasp the essentials of personal finance and to master the knowledge and practical skills needed to live financially healthy lives.

Then current SOA President Cecil Bykerk and Executive Director Greg Heidrich visited Boston Latin Academy to present the donation to BPS, meet with school administrators and visit with students. Boston Latin Academy is one of BPS' advanced learning schools with a rigorous curriculum and has been recognized by numerous scholarship and awards programs.

"These students and their ability to excel in math are the key to the actuarial profession's future success," said Bykerk. "We sincerely hope that the SOA's contribution will help the Boston Public Schools' math programs and, ultimately, its students reach new heights."

In addition, the SOA provided all of the more than 1,700 students at Boston Latin Academy with flash

drives making it easier for them to effectively manage important papers—like math homework. BPS administrators were very excited and grateful to receive the donation. BPS plans to use the donation in several ways. It will be used to improve technology, which will allow students to participate in certain math education programs. BPS also plans to increase student access to online math programs and train more teachers in a variety of top-notch math programs.

"The SOA is proud to share its anniversary celebration in a way that truly represents an important part of the mission we've been pursuing for the last 60 years—education," stated Bykerk. **A**