

## ***Back to School Bonanza***



The HISD Community Partnerships Department is partnering with the community to support the Back-to-School Bonanza Project. This collaborative effort will provide much-needed school supplies to students throughout the district.

### **The Need:**

The ongoing need for school supplies and other basic needs for families makes initiatives like Back to School Bonanza vital to helping students achieve academic success.

Research shows that school supply costs have increased exponentially. Parents are spending more than \$200 on elementary, \$300 for a middle school student, and \$375 for a high school student. *National Education Association*

### **Get On Board:**

Here's how you can support HISD families:

- ☐ Organize and host a school supply drive collecting school supplies. We have provided a School Supply List per grade level.
- ☐ Drop off your collected school supplies at the Hattie Mae White Educational Center, 4400 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77092. Monday-Friday, beginning July - First Day of school from 8 am-5 pm.
- ☐ Make a financial donation and your contribution will be used to purchase the supplies at a cost-savings. Donate to [Houston ISD Foundation | Kindful](#) or use the QR code



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### *How to Host a School Supply Drive*

A school supply drive is an easy way to have a profound impact on students and their learning experience. With the proper tools at their fingertips, students find the confidence to return to school say in and day out for an equitable learning experience. Research shows that students having their own school supplies improves grades, creativity, and attitudes about learning.

### **Starting Your Drive**

Hosting a school supply drive requires time and energy to mobilize your community's efforts. Below are a few things to consider getting started.

#### **Type of drive:**

- ☐ Collect supplies only
- ☐ Collect supplies and financial support
- ☐ Collect financial support only for designated supplies. Donations may be made online at [Houston ISD Foundation | Kindful](#)

#### **Method of Collection:**

- ☐ One-day event
- ☐ Designated timeframe of collection (week/weekend/month/July -First day of school)

#### **Drop-Off:**

- ☐ Hattie Mae White Educational Center, 4400 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77092
- ☐ I would like to donate to a specific school.

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### ***Tips for a Successful School Supply Drive***

By hosting a school supply drive, you are getting on board to making a difference for students. Your event will drive the success of the campaign.

#### **How do you want to collect supplies?**

*Two popular options include:*

- ☐ A designated day, week, or campaign collection time frame (July -First day of school with boxes or containers at your location)
- ☐ A one-day event in which the community brings donations to fill boxes or a school bus/large truck at a community, corporate, or sporting event
- ☐ Complete the “Host a Drive” Registration Form <https://forms.gle/uaBS3j2ZYn1VYDk47>

#### **Who will you invite to participate?**

- ☐ Encourage members of your community to help promote and support your school supply drive. Create signs and posters to promote your drive
- ☐ Share details about your eve on your social media spaces
- ☐ The Stuff Back-to-School Bonanza Tool kit also includes flyers to distribute and post on your organization’s website, company staff portal, Instagram, and Twitter platforms

#### **Collect what students need most.**

- ☐ According to teachers, crayons, glue sticks, markers, notebooks, pencils and pens, and loose-leaf paper are what students need the most (Please avoid any used school supplies or items that have offensive words, artwork, or symbols on the package or surface)
- ☐ School supply List:  
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:4238d03a-893b-4969-ae01-e61ba151377c>

#### **Try a friendly competition!**

- ☐ Create competitions among businesses, departments, and individuals to see who can collect the most supplies

#### **Deliver your collected supplies.**

- ☐ Contact the Community Partnerships Department to assist you with your campus selection, time, and date for your drop-off