

MEMORANDUM

To: All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers
From: Dr. Marcia Oglesby, Director, DCSD Grants & Partnerships
Through: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief DCEIP
Date: January 16, 2026
Subject: *Funding Focus Friday:* Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants - Up to \$10K!

Here's an accessible and impactful philanthropic opportunity that aligns directly with the needs we see every day in DeKalb County's schools and communities. The [Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants](#) program offers \$10,000 community grants to support local, grassroots nonprofit organizations providing direct assistance to families and students.

The Starbucks Foundation focuses on causes that uplift families, empower youth, address hunger and homelessness, and strengthen community connections. These priorities align closely with the challenges faced by many of our students and families, as well as with our District's commitment to whole-child support and meaningful community partnerships.

This opportunity is special because it incorporates nominations from Starbucks partners (employees) and Starbucks Alumni, fostering a strong collaboration between local Starbucks locations and selected organizations. For the sixth consecutive year, The Starbucks Foundation is making a significant investment in communities like ours, awarding over \$5.4 million to more than 3,200 organizations across North America in 2025.

Schools and nonprofits nationwide have used these funds for various initiatives, including:

- Establishing or restocking school-based clothing closets that provide winter coats, shoes, and hygiene kits for students and families in need.
- Expanding food pantries and mobile food distribution services to assist families experiencing food insecurity during weekends and school breaks.
- Offering emergency essentials such as diapers, wipes, household supplies, and personal care items for families facing temporary hardships.
- Supporting community organizations focused on homelessness prevention, which includes providing short-term assistance with utilities and transportation.

If your school partners with a local nonprofit or has a relationship with a nearby Starbucks, I strongly encourage you to explore this opportunity. For more information about the Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants, see [HERE](#).

Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and coordinate with [Grants & Partnerships](#) on next steps. We are here to support you in shaping your ideas and strengthening your submissions.

To begin your application, have questions answered, or get experienced advice, email us at grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org.

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Looking for more grant inspiration and options? The full, searchable January 2026 issue of the Monthly Education Grants Alert (MEGA) is available [HERE](#).

Good luck!