

MEMORANDUM

To: All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers
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Subject: *Funding Focus Friday: Supply A Teacher Program: Supporting Educators & Students*

When teachers have the right tools in their classrooms, students are better positioned to stay engaged, participate fully, and focus on learning instead of going without.

The Grants and Partnerships Department is pleased to share an opportunity that may help address a common classroom challenge: the ongoing need for basic instructional supplies. The [Kids in Need Foundation's Supply A Teacher Program](#) provides eligible educators with essential classroom materials to support a full semester of teaching and learning. Through this program, teachers can receive two large boxes of core supplies, including pencils, folders, notebooks, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, and pens, with additional grade-level materials included as appropriate. [Applications are accepted year-round.](#)

This opportunity is especially meaningful because it helps reduce the personal financial burden many educators quietly carry each year while ensuring students have access to the basic materials needed for daily instruction. It also aligns well with the [DeKalb County School District's continued commitment](#) to equitable access, strong learning environments, and meaningful support for schools, students, and families.

Here are ways this opportunity can boost student engagement and achievement:

- **Increases classroom readiness:** Students are more prepared to participate when essential supplies are readily available on day one and throughout the semester.
- **Reduces teacher out-of-pocket spending:** Teachers can devote more energy to instruction and student support rather than purchasing basic materials themselves.
- **Supports stronger student engagement:** Classrooms that are properly stocked help reduce interruptions and keep students focused on learning tasks.
- **Promotes equitable access to learning tools:** Students benefit when needed materials are available, regardless of family income or circumstance.
- **Strengthens the instructional environment:** Reliable access to classroom supplies helps teachers maintain momentum, organization, and consistency in daily instruction.

Small supports like this can significantly impact teacher effectiveness and student success, as ready access to basic materials directly influences both. For more information, visit the Supply A Teacher Program website [HERE](#). To apply, see [HERE](#).

Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and coordinate with the [Department of Grants and 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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Good luck!