



**Homeless Education Office**

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Dear My Stuff Bag Foundation,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of appreciation for our continued partnership with your wonderful organization. We are a unit within Student Health Human Services Division of the Los Angeles Unified School District, called Pupil Services. We have over 600 counselors in 15 programs throughout the school district serving over 1,000 schools. Pupil Services Counselors are child welfare and attendance advocates who utilize a three-tiered model (prevention, early intervention and intensive intervention) to improve individual and system-wide student attendance, engagement, achievement and graduation. Pupil Services Counselors work directly with students who experience difficulties in achieving their academic potential due to social/emotional, home and community barriers. Pupil Services Counselors in specialized units provide additional support services that are needed by the specific populations they serve.

We use My Stuff Bags to assist our most needy students who are homeless, in foster care settings, and others in need of immediate assistance. Counselors and teachers utilize my stuff bags when beginning to establish report with parents and their children. One example is a counselor who was working with a mom and her 4 young children. This family had recently moved to California and the children were struggling adjusting to this new life. When the counselor arrived with the My Stuff Bags and the 4yr. old girl saw what was in the blue bag her face lit up! Inside the bag was an adorable teddy bear, and oh so soft! The counselor shared that until that moment the little girl was withdrawn and unengaged but, now she was ready to begin adjusting to her new life. The experience described above has been duplicated hundreds of times through the years with our partnership with My Stuff Bags Foundation. We believe that the mission of My Stuff Bags supports our continued mission of Pupil Services staff to ensure that all LAUSD students are enrolled, attending, engaged, and on-track to graduate. Thank You again for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

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