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Livingston ESA’s Backpacks for Kids/Connect for Kids Project

Howell, MI (July 20, 2021): The Livingston Educational Service Agency is gearing up for our 20th Annual Backpacks for Kids Project. The Backpacks for Kids/Connect for Kids Project provides basic school supplies, at no cost, to students in Livingston County whose families are experiencing financial difficulties.

This event is made possible through the generous donations of our community members. We are asking community members to please consider donating backpacks and/or school supplies for us to fill backpacks and provide to Livingston County children. On **Friday, August 6**,a Livingston ESA Bus will be at the **Howell Wal-Mart** from **10:00 a.m.** to **2:00 p.m**. Families who are shopping for school supplies can pick up an extra set of pencils, pack of paper, or even a backpack as a contribution to the Annual **Fill Backpacks for Kids** Campaign. You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Livingston ESA’s Education Center, located at 1425 West Grand River Avenue, Howell, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. You can also visit our website at [**LivingstonESA.org**](http://www.livingstonesa.org/), click on Parent & Community Resources to find additional drop off locations and information for donations

Last year, approximately $15,000 in monetary and school supply donations helped us distribute over 1,000 backpacks to students from Preschool through 12th Grade. The goal this year is to again distribute 1,000 backpacks full of basic school supplies for Livingston County students whose families may be experiencing financial difficulties. Residents, churches and local businesses who contribute to this effort through donations, volunteer time, and serving as drop-off sites for supplies and backpacks help to make this event such a success.

The Backpacks for Kids event will be held as a drive through event on August 12, 2021 at the Livingston ESA’s Education Center. Please refer to the schedule below for your local district’s time slot.

Families participating in the Backpacks for Kids & Connect for Kids event are being asked to follow the directions below:

➔ Please arrive during your district’s schedule time (refer to the schedule below)

➔ Please enter the Livingston ESA parking lot from Highlander Way.

➔ Signs will be posted and volunteers will be available to help direct visitors through the parking lot.

➔ Backpacks will be on school buses.  As you approach the school buses, a volunteer will ask if the student needs an elementary or middle/high school backpack and then s/he will hand the backpack(s) to the vehicles – you will not need to leave your vehicle.

➔ The Salvation Army will also be available to distribute meals and groceries.

➔ You will then be directed out of the parking lot onto Grand River Avenue.

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| **If your Local District is:** | **Your scheduled time is:** |
| Fowlerville Community Schools | 10 am – 12 pm |
| Hartland Consolidated Schools | 12 pm – 2 pm |
| Howell Public Schools | 2 pm – 4 pm |
| Pinckney Community Schools | 4 pm – 6 pm |
| Brighton Area Schools | 6 pm – 8 pm |

For additional information call (517) 540-6802 or visit our website: LivingstonESA.org and click on Parent & Community Resources.

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