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Livingston ESA Launches 24th Annual “Backpacks for Kids” Campaign

Howell, MI — The Livingston Educational Service Agency (Livingston ESA) is proud to announce the launch of its 24th Annual *Backpacks for Kids* project, an initiative dedicated to providing basic school supplies—at no cost—to Livingston County students whose families are experiencing financial hardship.

Made possible through the generous support of local residents, churches, and businesses, this community-driven effort helps ensure that every student has the tools they need to succeed when the school year begins.

“The Backpacks for Kids project truly showcases what we can accomplish when local community members help local students,” said Robin Schutz, Great Start Collaborative Coordinator.

In 2024, more than \$15,000 in monetary and supply donations helped us distribute over 1,000 fully stocked backpacks to students from preschool through 12th grade. Our goal is to once again provide 1,000 backpacks to children across Livingston County.

How to Donate

Livingston ESA welcomes donations of new backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, through **July 31, 2025** at:

Livingston ESA Education Center

1425 West Grand River Avenue
Howell, MI 48843



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Additional drop-off locations and donation details are available on our website at www.LivingstonESA.org under **Community Resources > Backpacks for Kids**

As part of the annual **Stuff the Bus** campaign, a Livingston ESA bus will be parked at the Howell Walmart on **Friday, August 1**, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Community members are encouraged to stop by and donate school supplies onsite.

Backpack Distribution

This year's backpack distribution will once again be conducted as a drive-through event on **August 7, 2025** at each of the five Livingston County school districts. This format was adopted to increase accessibility, and convenience for families. More details about distribution locations and times will be shared in the coming weeks.

For more information, please call (517) 540-6802 or visit www.LivingstonESA.org.

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