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Dear Jennifer,

It's hard to believe we are already in July! It seems so early to start thinking about "back to school," but supply lists are being distributed and supplies are hitting the shelves at all our local stores. For Guilford Education Alliance, this means making sure we have a full array of supplies for the teachers when the Teachers Supply Warehouse opens in August! You can help by donating to WFMY's Tools for Schools or simply picking up some extra items and bringing them to the Warehouse. Thanks for all you do for our students in Guilford County!

Sincerely,
Guilford Education Alliance

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Back to School Supply Drives

Teachers at each of the 121 Guilford County Schools have shopped at the Teacher Supply Warehouse in the 2010-11 school year, resulting in more than \$500,000 in supplies being recycled into classrooms. The Warehouse is essential because...

- Guilford County Schools (GCS) has a large number of students who live at or below poverty level. 53% of GCS students qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
- When parents can't afford school supplies for their children, teachers often make up the difference. According to a national study, teachers spend \$500-\$800 per year of their own money to supply their classrooms.
- You now have an opportunity to help teachers get supplies into the hands of the students that need them most!

Click on these logos to find out about how to support "back to school" drives in Guilford County.



Guilford County Education News

Rising 6th Graders Going to Need a Shot

HIGH POINT (MCT) -- Health and school district officials are reminding parents who have a child entering the sixth grade this fall that they should check family shot records to see if their children need the Tdap vaccine. [Read more...](#)

For more information from the Department of Public Health, [click here](#).

Guilford County Schools Wins National Communication Awards

Guilford County Schools (GCS) received 10 national awards for outstanding communication projects completed within the last year. The National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) recognized the GCS District Relations Department with seven Publications and Electronic Media Awards and three Golden Achievement Awards. [Read more...](#)

North Carolina Education News

More At Four at Heart of School Funding Case

It's late afternoon and time for four-year-olds at Hodge Road Elementary School to hit the playground at last. "If you are wearing an orange shirt, line up at the door," teacher Renee Phillips says from her rocking chair. Nearby hangs a chart with illustrations assigning each child their task for the day. Other signs on the walls have the names of the months and the days. [Read more...](#)

NC and NY Only States Where 16 year-old Considered Adults by the Justice System

When a school yard fight erupts at a local high school, the consequences can be life-altering for any 16- and 17-year-olds involved. [Read more...](#)

National Education News

Hagen, White House Introduce Bill to Foster Innovation and Reform at Low-Performing Secondary Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kay R. Hagan (NC) and Sheldon White House (RI), both members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) committee, introduced legislation to foster innovation and reform in our nation's low-performing high schools and middle schools. The Secondary School Reform Act focuses on combating the country's dropout crisis and ensuring that our schools prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed upon graduation. [Read more...](#)

More States Defiant on NCLB Compliance

With big questions still surrounding the fate of the nation's chief education accountability law, states are beginning to put federal officials on notice that they plan to disregard key pieces of the [No Child Left Behind Act](#) if Congress fails to make changes. [Read more...](#)

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