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THE TEACHER SUPPLY WAREHOUSE NEEDS DONATIONS

Guilford County, N.C. – January 5, 2009 – The downturn in the economy finds more parents unable to send their children to school with the supplies they need. This, combined with Guilford County School budget reductions, means a significantly higher number of teachers have been taking advantage of the Teacher Supply Warehouse, where they can find items to use in their classrooms at no charge. The inventory has been greatly depleted due to this increased use, and there is an immediate need for more donations. Items in short supply include pencils, notebook paper, copy paper, markers, tape, glue sticks, index cards and erasers. Teachers can also use a variety of items from basic supplies to things such as carpet squares, fabric and trade show samples.

The Teacher Supply Warehouse collects new or gently used items from local businesses, organizations and individuals and allows teachers to “shop” the warehouse free of charge. Operated by Guilford Education Alliance in partnership with the Welfare Reform Liaison Project, Leadership Greensboro and Guilford County Schools, the TSW opened in Fall, 2007. In the first year of operation, there were more than 900 teacher visits, which recycled \$250,000 worth of classroom supplies back into the classroom. **During the last four shopping days in December, 2008 the TSW had 215 teacher visits.**

For a complete list of supplies needed, visit the Teacher Supply Warehouse Website: www.gcsnc.com/teacher_warehouse/index.html. To contribute supplies, contact Guilford County Schools at 336-370-8355. For more information, contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 336.841.4332 or info@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org.

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