

Information Sheet

Every summer **Communities In Schools of Seattle** teams up with partners like you from across the Seattle Metropolitan Area to embark on one of our most ambitious and successful projects, Stuff The Bus. From June through August, CIS of Seattle collaborates with partners, like you, to collect basic school supplies for K-12 Seattle public school students. At the end of the summer, thousands of supplies are given directly to schools to distribute to low-income students. By providing these basic needs at the start of each school year, we effectively eliminate a significant barrier that keeps students from staying in school and achieving a successful future.



Why Stuff The Bus? Families spend, on average, **\$100-\$200 per child** to purchase essential school supplies for the first day of school. Add one or two more school-aged children in the household and the expense quickly rises. This extra cost is especially burdensome for low-income families, but the cost of school supplies does not only land on families. On average an elementary school teacher spends about \$400 each year out of pocket to provide supplies for their students. Stuff The Bus supports both families and teachers.

Our goal this year is to provide all of the supplies that every child needs at our 10 partner schools. These schools are:

Aki Kurose Middle School Academy
Dearborn Park Elementary Schools
Denny Middle School
Highland Park Elementary School
Madison Middle School
South Lake High School
South Shore K-8 School
Van Asselt Elementary School
West Seattle High School

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