

# Support SAFE Learning Toolkit

#### BACK TO SCHOOL LOOKS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

We are here for you! We support our **students**, we appreciate our **teachers and staff**, and we salute our Kings County **parents!** 

'Support Safe Learning' is a community initiative designed to help focus the conversation of education to the heart of the matter: **support and gratitude for our teachers, parents, and students who are going through so much!** We want Kings County to rally around our educators and families to show our love through this stressful time. Below you will find a detailed list of actionable steps you can take to support our students, appreciate our teachers and staff, and salute our parents. Whether you are a business, a restaurant, an organization, or a community member, we have ideas here to help you get started. These lists are by no means exhaustive. This toolkit is merely a resource for you to get the ideas flowing and excitement growing! We can't WAIT to see the amazing ways YOU show your support towards safe learning! Remember, SHARE it with us using #supportsafelearning #kingscountystrong

### JOIN THE MOVEMENT

#### **PARTICIPATE**

# Kings County SPIRIT Week: August 17th - 21st, 2020

We want YOU to participate in this exciting opportunity to show our appreciation to teachers, students, and parents by coming together as a community in our county-wide SPIRIT WEEK! Participation is easy and FUN! Simply follow the "theme" for the day of the week and upload your pictures on social media using the hashtags #kingscountystrong and #supportsafelearning. We will be choosing WINNERS based off of images posted with these hashtags and will showcase these images on our page. More details at kpfp.org!





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#### **ADOPT-A-CLASS**

Through the 'adopt-a-class' project, your business, organization, family, or friends have the opportunity to shower love and support to a Kings County classroom! The teacher of your adopted class will provide you with suggestions of ways to support the classroom. Some simple ideas include notes of encouragement for each student, gift card prizes for the teacher to use, join them virtually to read to the class, and of course: school supplies! If you are interested in participating with Adopt-a-Class, please email kpfp.assistant@gmail.com, or visit KPFP.org to fill out the quick-and-easy form!

#### DONATE

As the school year begins virtually, let's help our students set up their own 'classroom' at home! Please email kpfp.assistant@gmail.com for donation drop-off information!

- Books
  - Reading tablets, subject workbooks
- Educational materials
  - Flashcards, maps
- School Supplies
  - Pens, pencils, notebooks, binders, folders, Home Office supplies rulers, calculators, scissors, glue sticks, tape, erasers, pencil pouches/boxes, pencil sharpeners, backpacks
- Outdoor play
  - Frisbies, kites, jump ropes, Sports equipment

- Art Supplies
  - Markers, crayons, colored pencils, colored construction paper, paints and paint brushes, clay, art instructional
- - Table/ desks, chairs, organizational drawers/ cubbies
- Music supplies
  - Musical instruments, music theory books, music song books
- Electronic Devices
  - Tablets, computers, headphones

#### **MENTOR**

Let's INVEST in our students! Volunteer your time, talent, and passion today!

- If you have a special skill/talent to virtually share, hold a free Zoom session specifically for teachers or students to participate in (examples include yoga instructor, art teachers, mindfulness coaches, etc.)
- Coordinate with school administrator and/or teacher about being a "special presenter" during a virtual classroom session and share information regarding an area of specialty/topic/career/ etc.
- READ! Work directly through a classroom through our 'Adopt-a-Class' opportunity, or read a storybook virtually! Be sure to tag us at #supportsafelearning and #kingscountystrong



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### **GO THE EXTRA MILE**

#### IF YOU'RE A LOCAL BUSINESS...

- Download our "Support Safe Learning" ribbon and hang it up!
- Provide flexible work options for parents doing virtual schooling
- Participate in Spirit Week and other 'Support SAFE Learning' initiatives (remember, we will SHARE everything you post to showcase your business to a wider audience! Use #supportsafelearning and #kingscountystrong)
- Offer product giveaways to students, parents, or teachers
- Organize a donation drive with your staff and/or customers
- Create a "thank you" video with all your staff to send to teachers/school staff (post in online! We will share it AND send it off!)

#### IF YOU WORK RETAIL OR AT A RESTAURANT...

- Download our "Support Safe Learning" ribbon and hang it up!
- Offer teacher and/or student discounts
- Offer customers discounts during spirit week if customers are dressed up!
- Create a "thank you" video with all your staff to send to teachers/school staff (post in online! We will share it AND send it off!)
- Host a contest! Have community members nominate their favorite teacher (or school, classroom, etc) and use social media to VOTE!

#### IF YOU'RE A COMMUNITY MEMBER...

- Organize neighborhood decor contests (Chalk the Walk, etc)
- Organize donation drives
- Participate in all 'Support Safe Learning' initiatives!
- Follow, engage, and SHARE 'Support Safe Learning' posts on social media
- Write "thank you" letters to your school teachers
- Have a Car parade
- Deliver flowers to your child's favorite teachers
- Let your school's administrator know how well the teacher is doing
- Send teachers a virtual gift card or e-card
- Thank your local businesses for participating in this effort to SUPPORT SAFE LEARNING!