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COVID Education Innovation in Florida

Supply Zone for Teachers (Brevard County)

The goal of the Brevard Schools Foundation's Supply Zone for Teachers store is to ensure students have the materials and supplies they need to be successful in school. Serving the district's 30 highest-poverty schools as well as students-in-transition, the Foundation knew many families struggle to even put a meal on the table so the ability to purchase school supplies for their children sometimes is not possible, especially in a pandemic.

To respond in this time of greater need while the store was closed for the pandemic, the Foundation held special drive-through shopping events to distribute an array of supplies to teachers. Teachers received standard kits that were pre-packaged by volunteers with basic supplies, along with additional themed kits, that changed regularly (i.e., STEM kits, hygiene kits, etc.) By pre-packing the kits, the Foundation was better able to manage inventory and create more opportunities for volunteer engagement. If there was an abundance of produce they wanted to distribute to all schools, they invited community volunteers to load their vehicles and make deliveries, another new volunteer opportunity.

This drive-through method served twice as many teachers than typical events, so they knew they were on to something. In the future, the Foundation hopes to expand the facility, offering a hybrid of both in-store and drive-through shopping as well as continue special events and distributions to all schools to better engage the community.

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The Consortium elevates the impact of Florida's local education foundations through advocacy and providing a collegial community for ongoing learning, shared resources and support. These nonprofit organizations are aligned with nearly every school district in our state and collectively they raise more than \$80 million annually to innovate learning, power potential and celebrate success.

We believe strong collaboration is essential to ensure school success. Our effort to capture, elevate and share education innovations discovered amid the disruption of the pandemic is offered in that spirit.

Our **Top 10 Takeaways: COVID Education Innovation** report can be accessed at educationinnovationspotlight.com