

Dear Civic Engagement Office,

I have heard incredible things about BMC's Katrina relief efforts and I'm very impressed and proud of the students, faculty, staff, and administration. I work at Southeast Middle School in Baton Rouge and the parish is currently registering a number of students displaced by the hurricane. The main necessity for the schools of the area is school supplies for the incoming students and uniforms for them. School supplies which are most appreciated:

- 1 1/2 inch 3 ring binders
- lined paper
- 5 subject tab dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- Markers
- Crayons
- colored pencils
- computer paper
- paper towels
- index cards
- Kleenex
- backpacks/messenger bags
- fiction books at all reading levels
- calculators

All of these things are on the students' supply list but the incoming 4000+ students have difficulty getting access to these things. Short of manpower and additional teachers, school supplies and uniforms (khaki pants in a variety of sizes and standard navy polo shirts, socks, standard black or brown belts, and SHOES---closed toed, sneakers) are the most appreciated items. The Teach for America South Louisiana office is accepting donations and boxes of supplies can also be sent directly to my school.

Again, I am so very touched by BMC's response--the campus won't sit still through this and my children will be more thankful than they can say. They are really amazing kids and once life settles down, I will send pictures which will hopefully convey their gratitude.

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