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Benito Delgado-Olson

July 26, 2017

Matt Rodriguez  
City Manager  
City of San Pablo  
13831 San Pablo Ave, Bldg. 1  
San Pablo, CA 94806

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

I am writing to respectfully request a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the FY 2017-18 San Pablo City Council Discretionary Event Sponsorship Fund in support of our annual school supplies distribution event at Lake Elementary School. SupplyBank.Org, formerly called K to College, is the nonprofit organization operating the largest charitable basic needs supply program in California.

Nearly 95% of Lake Elementary School's students are enrolled in the free and reduced price meal program, which has poverty as the main criterion to qualify. These students struggle to obtain basic school supplies like paper, pencils and art materials. Without supplies, kids can't complete their classwork and homework, contributes to an uneven playing field for low-income students. Teachers are often forced to pay for supplies out-of-pocket—the typical California teacher spends more than \$1,000 each year on supplies for his or her students.

To address this problem, for the past several years SupplyBank.Org has partnered with the City of San Pablo to provide all students at Lake Elementary School with comprehensive school supply kits valued at \$65 each. Combined with corporate sponsorships and substantial in-kind donations, this grant of \$2,500 would provide \$7,500 worth of materials to restock classrooms at Lake Elementary in the early spring when critical classroom supplies are running low.

The 2018 distribution event will run similarly to the events held at Lake Elementary School in previous years. SupplyBank.Org will purchase, assemble and deliver the school supply kits to Lake Elementary prior to holding a brief assembly and distribution in the school cafeteria. Local public officials including all members of the City Council are invited to attend and participate.

Please feel free to contact me at [Benito@supplybank.org](mailto:Benito@supplybank.org) or (510) 569-5862 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration and strong commitment to the academic success of students in San Pablo.

Sincerely,

Benito Delgado-Olson  
Executive Director & Founder

7730 Pardee Lane, Oakland, CA 94621

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## Summary of 2017 Distribution Event at Lake Elementary School



[February 9, 2017] San Pablo, California – More than 400 students at Lake Elementary School received school supply kits valued at \$65 each thanks to a partnership with the City of San Pablo. The event kicked off with a brief assembly in the school cafeteria followed by a joyous distribution of materials to each student. In attendance were Representative Abel Pineda from the Office of Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, San Pablo Mayor Cecilia Valdez, Councilmember Paul Morris, Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Lake Elementary School Principal Wendy Gonzalez, and SupplyBank.Org Executive Director Benito Delgado-Olson.



See full blog post:

<http://www.ktocollege.org/blog/city-of-san-pablo-partners-with-supplybank-org-to-give-supplies-to-400-students/>

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