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BAY AREA BUSINESSES STUFF THE BUS FOR OUR STUDENTS

Hillsborough Education Foundation hosts its annual supply drive to benefit at-risk students

(July 15, 2010) TAMPA – Karen Fletcher has been a member of the Bing Elementary School family for almost 17 years, and a loyal shopper at the Teaching Tools Supply Store for more than four years. “Teaching Tools has really been a very great help,” says Fletcher, “because I can use these supplies to help offset the needs of the students in our school.” The Hillsborough Education Foundation is now hosting the 2010 Stuff the Bus campaign, gathering community support to help continue to stock the Supply Store shelves.

From now through September 1, the campaign will enlist the help of Bay Area businesses and organizations to collect supplies to benefit the Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools program. The partnering groups host a supply drive at their place of business and serve as drop-off locations for the community, encouraging employees and customers to bring in extra supplies to donate to the program. “You don’t realize the tremendous help you are to the students,” says Fletcher, “we thank you so much.”

More than half of the 190,000 students in Hillsborough County Public Schools cannot afford the supplies they need to succeed in the classroom. Basics such as paper, scissors, pencils, crayons, and glue are not easy for these students to come by. Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools works year-round to remedy this issue by providing these supplies, and many more, to teachers in the district’s most economically disadvantaged schools and education sites, free of cost. Every year, more than 1,800 teachers and 50,000 students benefit from the support of this program.

For more information on the 2010 Stuff the Bus campaign and Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, visit www.educationfoundation.com.

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Information on Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc:

The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students achieve academic success. Serving the students, teachers and schools in our community, the Foundation has invested more than \$75 million towards public education. The Foundation raises more than \$5 million annually and fulfills its mission through five core initiatives: Career & Technical Education, Excellence in Education, Scholarships, School Enrichment, and Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.