



2020 Critical Needs

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Students and school personnel are going back to school this year during uncharted times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help students and staff by supporting the [Critical Needs Program](#). This program enables school staff to respond quickly and quietly to students who they see are in need and to students who ask for help. Its purpose is to serve quietly, support quietly and help quietly.

During the last school year, the Critical Needs Program supported students, families and school personnel in multiple ways.

“Being able to buy snacks for students because without it some of them just cannot learn. It takes their thoughts away from not having food or a snack so they can focus on their learning” ~ Elementary School Principal

“When students are in need of school supplies, hygiene products, clothing, shoes, etc., we are able to almost immediately meet that need. Because of Liz’s Closet and Critical Needs funding, we can discreetly provide these resources and help to minimize the embarrassment a student may feel when they do not have what they need to feel successful.” ~ Middle School Counselor

“We had a new student join us in mid-school year. He didn’t have any school supplies, and through the Critical Needs Program we were able to get him a backpack full of school supplies. Having these supplies on hand was great as it provided us more resources to support this student in his education and our commitment to help all students feel welcomed and supported.” ~ High School Principal

This year, economic hardships have created crisis situations for our local families. Kids are under enormous stress as they transition into this new school year. To help alleviate these worries the Critical Needs Program will provide school personnel with the ability to assist with school supplies, emergency cupboard situations, hygiene supplies, and other items to support the emotional, physical, and educational well-being of our students.

The Fargo Public Schools Foundation is grateful for your support of students, families and school personnel during this school year! To donate, please click on [this link](#) to impact a student’s life.

