

## **Ways to support your local school with moderate cost.**

1. Provide a “Back to School” luncheon for the school staff held at your church. The church staff and lay members of school partnership team eat with the school staff. Great fun and good energy to start off the school year! Provide snacks or lunch items for staff during conference weeks.
2. Provide school supplies, **BUT** be careful that what is provided is what is **REALLY** needed.
3. Backpacks are always welcome at most schools.
4. Health supplies for children in need such as head lice shampoo.
5. Uniform pieces if your school wears these.
6. Shoes for kids in need.
7. Emergency food or hygiene supplies for families in urgent need.
8. Have Sunday School classes/small groups adopt a class and make sure they have items for holiday parties.
9. If your school has a washer and dryer, provide laundry soap and dryer sheets.
10. Provide underwear and socks for students.
11. Provide support for students who experience a hardship family illness or death. This can be anything from flowers to food for a family meal.
12. Provide hygiene items as suggested by the social worker: toothpaste and brushes, soap, combs, shampoo, etc.
13. Strollers (used is fine) for families who can’t get the child to school because younger siblings need care. This way the family can walk safely.
14. Provide a raffle prize or two for fun night/carnival.
15. Purchase booster seats for families who can’t afford them.
16. Provide snacks for teachers during conferences, or for kids during testing.
17. Provide small rewards for monthly perfect attendance.
18. Provide a city transit bus pass for parent of student looking for work.

## **Ways to support your local school with larger investment.**

1. Large gifts for special reward, like bicycles.
2. Church families adopt families in the school who are in need, especially at Christmas
3. Reward gifts for perfect attendance at the end of the year.
4. Soup supper or holiday meal to bring families together for event such as “reading night” etc.
5. Host event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and families such as a brunch or dinner for graduation. Use your church for this event.
6. Ask if there is a large expense item needed at the school: An Appliance, Ice maker, laminator, etc.
7. Gas cards for families in great need.

Above all, be open to **God’s Guidance**. We have been led to help at our school in ways that I would never dream!