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Burlington Stores Surprises Santa Fe Elementary with \$10,000 Donation



MOORE – On Friday, September 20, 2019, Burlington Stores teamed up with AdoptAClassroom.org to gift \$10,000 to Santa Fe Elementary in Moore Public Schools (MPS). Santa Fe’s Principal, Jennifer Mankins, said the donation will be divided equally among the school’s teachers with each receiving approximately \$300 to purchase supplies based on needs in their individual classrooms.

“This is a phenomenal gift for our teachers and their classrooms. Teachers spend a great amount of their own money on classroom supplies and other necessities for their students. This is a very selfless and common practice for most, if not all, and is solely based on their giving hearts and desire to educate our children,” said MPS Asst. Superintendent of Elementary Education, Michelle McNear.

The donation is in alignment with the October 4, grand opening of Burlington in Moore, located off SW 19th Street, and common practice for the franchise. A spokeswoman shared when Burlington Stores open a new location, the celebration is to give back to education by selecting an elementary school within the community and donating to support teachers, students, and schools.

According to recent information provided by U.S. News, on average in Oklahoma K-12 public non-chartered schools, teachers spend \$459 of their own funds on supplies for their classroom each year. This amount is the average of unreimbursed spending.

Santa Fe Elementary is located approximately two miles from the new Burlington store, serves a high need population, and is classified as a Title I school.

Each teacher will create a virtual savings account (or utilize their existing account) through AdoptaClassroom.org. There are more than 30 vendors that teachers may purchase from through this online organization, including Office Depot, Best Buy, and Scholastic.

Teachers may utilize the donated funds with out-of-network purchases for items not offered through AdoptaClassroom.org vendors, from technology to field trip expenses, but that is approved on a case-by-case basis.

AdoptaClassroom.org is a national non-profit founded 21 years ago and has disbursed more than \$30 million dollars to teachers in schools across the country.

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