



Volunteer Project - Write Notes of Inspiration Wish students “Good Luck” in school

Back 2 School Illinois distributes tens of thousands of our signature Back 2 School kits with the core school supplies needed to succeed in the classroom.

We distribute these kits around the state of Illinois with the help of other community organizations and government nonprofits. To make our kits even more special to the child we like to include a handwritten note designed to inspire and engage them.

The fun and ease of this volunteer effort is that it can be done anywhere at any time and you can be creative as you want. There are no rules so if you want to write a poem then go for it. Be as colorful as you want. Use construction paper, glitter, stickers, crayons or markers if the spirit moves you. Draw pictures or include a photo you've cut out from a magazine. Your notes of inspiration can be as simple or complex as you want. We encourage you to sign your name but it's not required. It just makes them a little more personal.

A few of things to remember:

- **Size** - Notes should be no larger than 8-1/2" x 11" so they can fit easily into the kit. We recommend a heavier weight paper or card stock as they hold up better being transported. Another option is for us to send you some of our 6" x 8" card stock to use, which already includes a decorative element.

- **Age Appropriate Message** - We give out kits to children as young as three and as old as eighteen so you are free to create a message for any age. We will make sure it gets into the appropriate kit.

- **Number of Notes** - There is no minimum or maximum number you can do. We will be distributing as many as 40,000 kits in 2018, so we would love to include a note in each one.

- **Messaging** - Just remember that note is designed to encourage, excite, inspire and engage the child so that they want to learn. While we want to encourage your creativity, here are a couple of sample ideas for some simple messages.

- *Good luck in school this year!*
- *I hope you love your new school supplies and have a great year in school.*
- *Remember to work hard and always do your homework but also remember to meet new people, have fun and learn.*
- *There are no limits to what you can learn. I hope these school supplies help you achieve success both in and out of the classroom.*

- **Address** - You can drop off your notes or mail them to us. Back 2 School Illinois 3959 N. Lincoln Ave. Chicago, IL 60613

Thank you. We appreciate your support in our effort to create and support educational opportunities that enrich the lives of Illinois children.