Help Our Teachers Finish the School Year Strong!

Dear Community Partner,

The school year isn't over, but for many teachers, the supplies are running out!

By spring, classroom essentials like pencils, markers, glue sticks, tissues, and disinfecting wipes are often in short supply. Yet teachers still have months of learning ahead of them, and too often, they reach into their own pockets to replenish what their students need.

That's where our community can make a difference!

The **Union County Education Foundation** invites your business to support **Erase the Need: Empower Educators Expo**, taking place on **Tuesday, March 2, 2027**. This special event provides Union County Public Schools educators with a much-needed midyear boost, allowing them to shop for classroom supplies **at absolutely no cost!** Our goal is simple: help teachers finish the school year strong, equipped with the resources they need to keep students learning and thriving.

We're Asking Local Businesses to Donate Gifts in Kind!

Your business can make a meaningful difference by contributing products, supplies, or services that help us stock our free teacher shopping experience.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Classroom Essentials:** Pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, glue sticks, dry-erase markers, and other frequently used supplies.
- **Everyday Necessities:** Tissues, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and other items that keep classrooms running smoothly.
- **Gift Cards:** Donations from office supply stores and retailers that allow us to purchase the supplies teachers need most.
- **Teacher Appreciation Gifts:** Products, merchandise, or gift certificates that can be used for giveaways and special surprises.
- **Food & Refreshments:** Individually packaged snacks, bottled water, coffee, or other treats to make the day extra special.

Every donation, large or small, helps put essential supplies back into the hands of our educators!

Last year, Erase the Need provided free classroom supplies to **85 Title I teachers**, along with **80 additional supply bags for educators at Benton Heights School of the Arts**. With your help, we hope to reach even more teachers this year!

Will You Help Us Erase the Need?

All donated items are needed by February 15, 2027, giving our team time to organize and prepare for the event. We're happy to coordinate pickup of your donation!

When your business contributes to Erase the Need, you're doing more than donating school supplies. **You're helping teachers focus on teaching instead of shopping, spending their own money, or making do without.**

Our educators give their best to students all year long. Let's make sure they have what they need to finish strong!

Thank you for being part of a community that believes in **Supporting Students and Encouraging Educators!**

With gratitude,



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