



TRANSFORM LEARNING SPACES across Dallas ISD schools!

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PAINT. PLANT. BUILD. ORGANIZE. MOSAIC. STENCIL. INSTALL. DECORATE. CHANGE LIVES.

Community volunteers will work on projects across the city that fulfill research-based, tailored requests of Dallas ISD administrators and teachers.

JAN 20 | MARCH 4 | APRIL 22 | 2023

9:00 - 1:00PM

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PROJECTS FOR

25,100



STUDENTS AND

2,100



EDUCATORS

JERRY R. JUNKINS ELEMENTARY

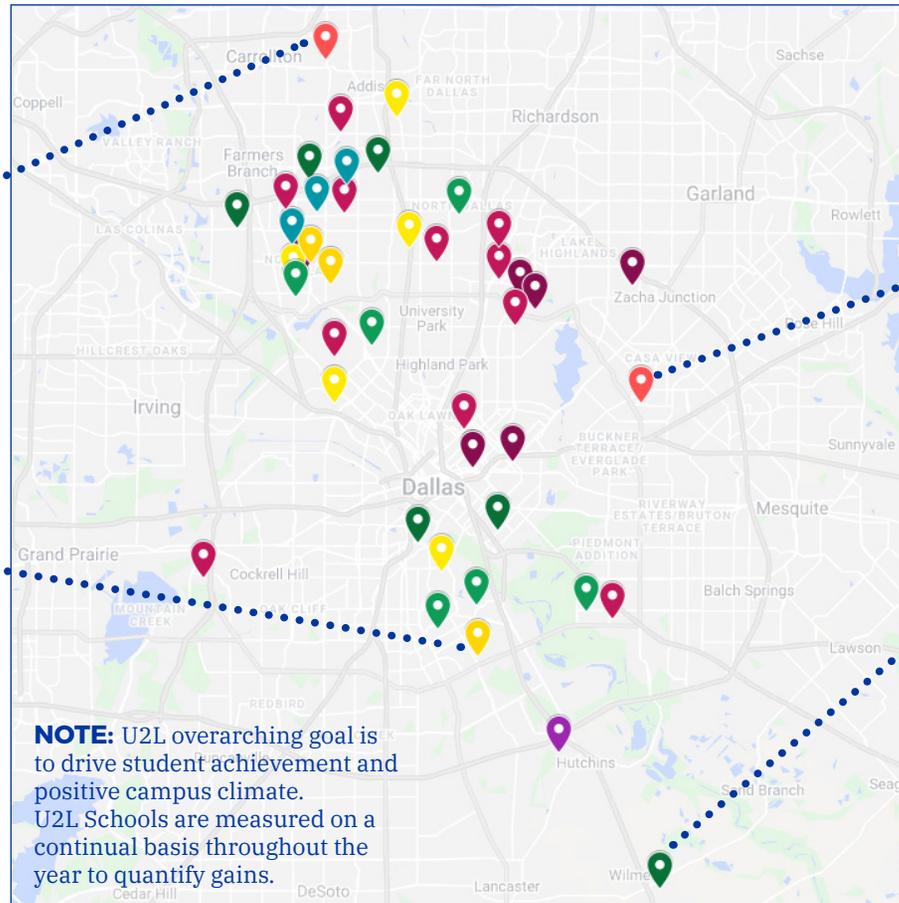
We plan to...

Install hallway sensory paths that provide students with structured brain breaks where they can focus their energy outside of the classroom space. Volunteers will apply indoor stencils to the hallway floors that encourage movement and provide students the opportunity to learn on the go!

ELISHA M. PEASE ELEMENTARY

We plan to...

Install a bilingual Leveled Library! Volunteers will build a leveled library that will promote literacy achievement in students by offering access to leveled texts for self-selected reading in English and Spanish.



GEORGE W. TRUETT ELEMENTARY

We plan to...

Create a “care closet” that provides clothing for students who need a change of clothes or an additional uniform. Volunteers will set up and organize a closet with hygiene products, uniforms, and more. The presence of a care closet is an important indicator that a school is a safe learning environment for students.

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY

We plan to...

Create a school spirit store dedicated to motivational incentives for students. Volunteers will set up, organize, and decorate a physical store filled with prizes that can be earned by demonstrating good habits, such as perseverance, leadership, and empathy.

Leveled Libraries promote accelerated literacy achievement

Burleson Elementary
SOUTH DALLAS

the need:

Whether learning to read in English or Spanish, students benefit by finding “just-right” books that proficiently guide reading on their level. Leveled libraries offer an excellent system to guide personal reading journeys, but valued at \$10,000, bilingual (Spanish + English) libraries are not easily afforded in stretched public budgets.

the action:

On Burleson’s Community Campus Day, a group of volunteers from McKinsey & Company built, installed, and organized a Spanish leveled library system for emerging readers. Half Price Books also sponsored a visit to the campus for a special U2L Book Bash where every child at Burleson got to bring home five books for their at-home libraries!

the result:

The Burleson community can now enjoy a robust dual-language library system that promotes a culture of literacy achievement and self-selected independent reading. Previously an ACE School (unrated and needing improvement by the TEA), Burleson has **skyrocketed to a B rating in overall achievement** within the last two years.

KEY METRIC: READING FLUENCY



“When we returned to school coming out of the pandemic, only 35% of our students passed the literacy test. By the end of the same year, 75% of our students passed, thanks to community support, resources, and partnerships like United to Learn.”

PRINCIPAL LONNIE RUSSELL



HALF PRICE BOOKS donated books to children while volunteers from McKinsey & Company installed and organized a leveled library at Burleson on November 18, 2022.

Spirit Store builds culture and motivates students

Cigarroa Elementary
NORTHWEST DALLAS

the need:

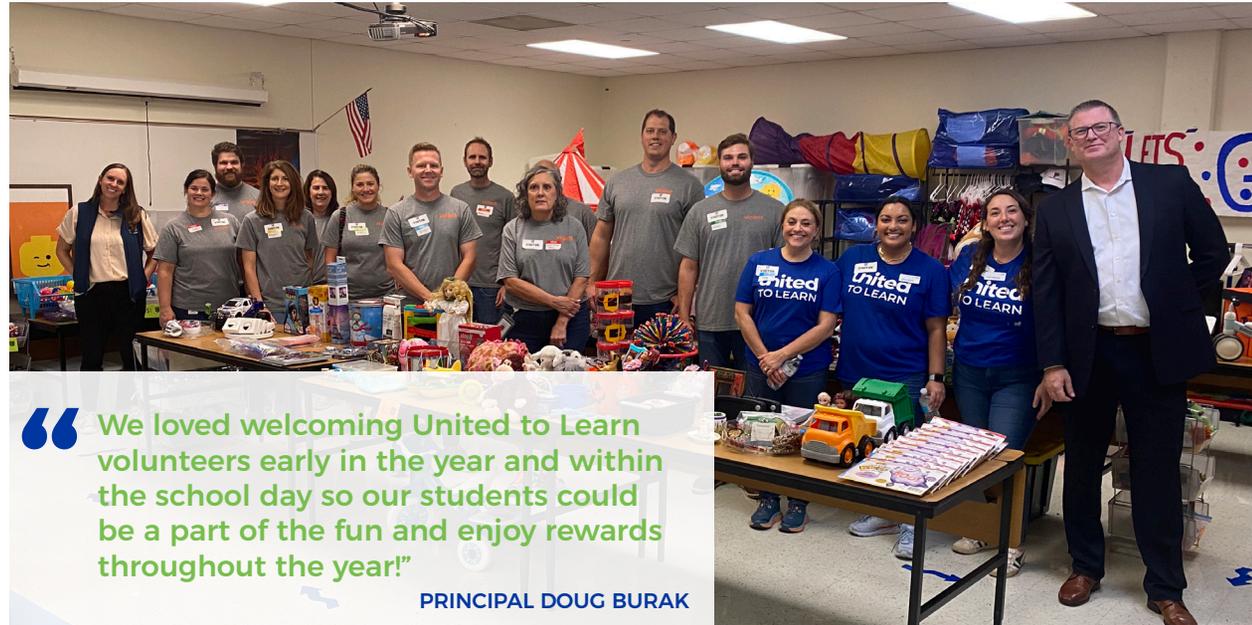
A "Spirit Store" in a school can create incentives or extra motivational tactics to promote behaviors like good attendance, leadership, active citizenry, and academic achievement, thus contributing to a positive school culture.

the action:

On Community Campus Day, a group of volunteers sponsored by Vizient set up, organized, and decorated a spirit store featuring enticing prizes and rewards for students to earn, like fidget toys, stickers, gift cards, and snacks. Volunteers even got to "unveil" the new spirit store to a delighted group of students! These students also presented each volunteer with personal thank you notes.

the result:

Cigarroa administrators and teachers can now use the Spirit Store for enhanced, age-appropriate programming at every level. Fifth grade leaders can find new **motivation to show leadership and citizenry**. Other grades may have opportunities to actively reward good behavior, thus targeting and promoting the leadership values and pride in academic performance.



“ We loved welcoming United to Learn volunteers early in the year and within the school day so our students could be a part of the fun and enjoy rewards throughout the year!”

PRINCIPAL DOUG BURAK



KEY METRIC: DRIVE STUDENT GROWTH



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS from Vizient designed and organized the Cigarroa Spirit Store on October 11, 2022 and then held a grand opening for students to enjoy!

A Care Closet keeps kids in school!

J.N. Ervin Elementary
SOUTH DALLAS

the need:

91% of students in U2L Schools are experiencing poverty. They may be homeless and unable to shower. They may not have a clean uniform or a coat. They may have an accident during the school day. A care closet allows children a change of clothes, hygiene supplies or a simple opportunity to meet their personal needs throughout the day.

the action:

Volunteers from Hockaday School visited J.N. Ervin to create a care closet. They built shelves and organized uniforms, hygiene supplies, undergarments, extra coats, and more. The Hockaday girls were also able to interact with the Ervin students, visit classrooms, write teacher appreciation notes, and read to students.

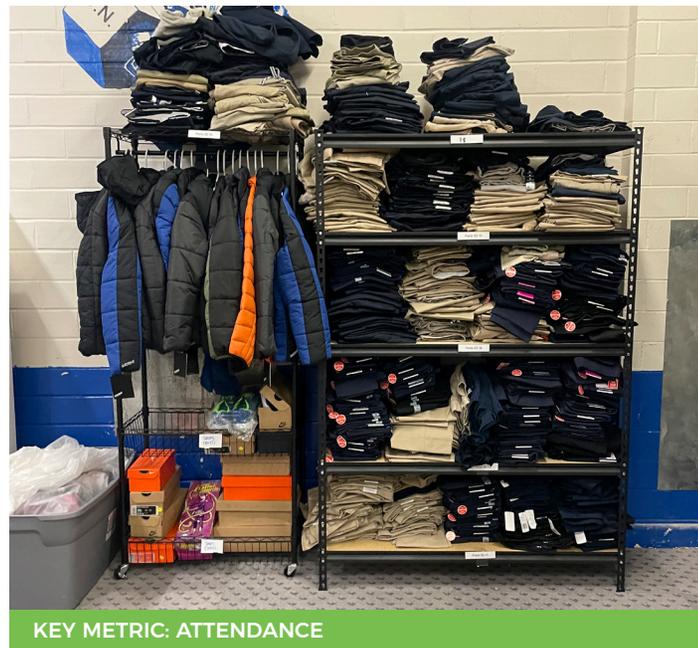
the result:

Principal James Wallace was elated when he saw the completed space! He no longer needs to send children home when they have an uncomfortable hygiene situation. Instead he can **compassionately meet students' needs** and keep them learning in school where they belong.

“ The Hockaday students had an impactful day filled with joy and amazing interactions with students and teachers at Ervin Elementary School. We couldn't have had such a meaningful experience without our United to Learn partnership.”

LAURA DAY
Executive Director of the Institute for
Social Impact at The Hockaday School

stories of proven success!



KEY METRIC: ATTENDANCE



VOLUNTEERS from Hockaday organized supplies and installed a Care Closet at J.N. Ervin on December 16, 2022.



About UNITED TO LEARN

UNITED TO LEARN believes our collective potential lies within our youngest learners.

A Dallas-based education nonprofit with a stated mission of changing lives by transforming the relationship between schools and community, United to Learn is focused on accelerating student achievement across 50 Dallas ISD elementary schools, and growing purposeful leaders through partnerships with businesses, high schools, faith-based organizations, and engaged individuals and groups. Together we work to create a united, thriving community.

To ensure efforts align to accelerate student outcomes, our research driven initiatives aim to: 1) improve our schools' social emotional health, 2) create aspirational learning environments, 3) drive student literacy achievement, and 4) activate an informed community empowered to advance for educational equity from a culturally competent perspective.

Together we are closing opportunity gaps and building an informed community empowered to advocate for ALL students to learn and lead.

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