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Reliant Energy 'Lights On!' School Supply Drive to Benefit Dallas Elementary, Middle School Students

HOUSTON — Reliant Energy will help Dallas Independent School District elementary and middle school students prepare for the start of school by organizing the inaugural "Lights On!" School Supply Drive and contributing \$5,000 to purchase additional supplies.

On Monday, Aug. 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Dallas ISD will leave the "lights on" to accept drive-by school supply donations at six Dallas ISD facilities and three Staples stores. The Reliant Energy "Lights On!" School Supply Drive will benefit elementary and middle school students who otherwise might not have adequate supplies for the school year.

Reliant Energy will present a \$5,000 check to the Dallas ISD for the purchase of additional school supplies to be distributed among the school supply drive site locations. After the close of the supply drive, Dallas ISD will distribute supplies to each of its elementary and middle schools.

"One of our company's core values is respect for the communities in which we live and work," said Reliant Energy President Jason Few. "We hope the Dallas community will partner with us through the 'Lights On!' School Supply Drive to make a difference in the lives of young people and families who may be struggling to make ends meet."

"Reliant Energy has been a solid partner for the Dallas ISD in helping us meet unmet needs when we have needed corporate support," said Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa. "Reliant Energy sponsored both of our elementary and secondary science fairs this year, and has stepped up again to support us through the collection of much-needed school supplies."

Volunteers from Reliant Energy and the Dallas ISD will collect supplies at the following sites:

- Dallas ISD Administration Building, 3700 Ross Ave.
- Dorsey Elementary School, 133 N. St. Augustine Drive

- Hill Middle School, 505 Easton Road
- Rusk Middle School, 2929 Inwood Road
- Starks Elementary School, 3303 Tips Blvd.
- Tolbert Elementary School, 4000 Blue Ridge Blvd.
- Staples (East), 9222 E. R.L. Thornton Freeway
- Staples (North), 16817 Coit Road
- Staples (West), 4351 DFW Turnpike

About Dallas ISD

It is the vision of the Dallas ISD to become the best urban school district in the country by graduating all students college and workforce ready. Dallas ISD serves more than 157,000 students and has 225 schools. More than half of these schools have been rated exemplary or recognized by the Texas Education Agency.

About Reliant Energy

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