

“Back2Class South Pas” Fundraiser Frequently Asked Questions

The health and safety of South Pasadena students, staff, and families is of utmost importance. When the 2020-2021 school year begins, on campus school will look much different than previous years due to new health and safety measures.

The South Pasadena Council PTA, school PTA/PTSAs and the South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD) have come together to raise funds for purchasing equipment and supplies that will help minimize the spread of coronavirus on school campuses. Please consider supporting the **“Back2Class South Pas”** fundraiser. Thank you for your help!

Additional information about Back2Class South Pas is provided below:

Q: What is the purpose of the fundraiser?

A: Back2Class South Pas is a community fundraiser designed to offset the costs of start-up supplies and personal protective equipment that will be needed when South Pasadena schools physically reopen.

Q: When does the fundraiser begin?

A: The Back2Class South Pas fundraiser begins on June 14, 2020 and ends on July 10, 2020.

Q: How much money needs to be raised?

A: SPUSD estimates the cost of supplies and personal protective equipment will be nearly \$120,000. In other words, 220 learning spaces throughout the District will need supplies and the cost per learning space is approximately \$540. This estimate does not represent all of the associated costs of the equipment, but it does account for a majority of the start-up costs.

Q: How may I donate?

A: Go to <https://bit.ly/Back2Class2020> to make an online, tax-deductible donation. You also may send a check made out to: South Pasadena Council PTA, 1020 El Centro Street, South Pasadena, California 91030. Please note in the memo line “Back2Class South Pas Fundraiser.”

Q: May I donate directly to my child’s school?

A: Back2Class South Pas is a district-wide, community fundraiser. Money raised will be used to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for classrooms and community spaces on all SPUSD campuses.

Q: May I volunteer my time instead of donating money?

A: Yes, volunteers are welcome! Once a reopening plan is in place, we will share information with the community about volunteer opportunities.

Q: Which supplies will be purchased?

A: SPUSD will purchase core supplies such as infrared thermometers, cloth and disposable masks, hospital grade HVAC filters, touch-free hand sanitizing stations, and hand sanitizing gel refills. Additional supplies may be needed and potentially will be provided by the State. This fundraiser is designed to offset start-up costs for the supplies.

Q: Which schools will receive the supplies?

A: All SPUSD classrooms and common spaces will be outfitted with the necessary equipment and supplies. The money raised will be used to purchase items at Arroyo Vista, Marengo, Monterey Hills, SPMS, and SPHS.

Q: Does the State of California provide funding for these supplies?

A: Future state funding is uncertain. Schools have never before faced this level of State funding cuts, and the increased cost of the additional safety measures to reopen schools is substantial. California is planning to send some supplies to districts to help offset reopening expenses, however, SPUSD will need to purchase supplies to supplement what the state may provide.

Q: Who determines which supplies are purchased?

A: SPUSD's Business Services Office with guidance from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and local medical practitioners have determined the supplies needed in SPUSD learning spaces.

Q: Are we going back to school on August 13, 2020?

A: The first day of school for SPUSD is August 13, 2020. On this date, schools may or may not physically reopen. SPUSD is working diligently with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, various federal and state agencies, and neighboring school districts to determine the best plans for reopening schools. District plans will be updated and shared as the situation evolves.

Q: What will happen to the purchased supplies if we don't go back to school in the fall?

A: When SPUSD schools physically reopen, additional cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment will be needed to ensure the safety of students, staff, and families. SPUSD is committed to securing these supplies so that they are available when we need them. Many of the necessary supplies will take months to receive. We need to begin ordering now so that we are prepped and ready when schools reopen. These supplies will supplement any we receive from the State.

Q: Who is running this fundraising campaign?

A: The South Pasadena Council PTA and the individual school PTA/PTSA's are running the fundraising campaign in collaboration with SPUSD.

Q: When I donate online, why does it say my donation is going to Arroyo Vista Elementary School?

A: Volunteers from the Arroyo Vista PTA are running the online/PayPal portion of the fundraiser. Money raised will be used to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for classrooms and community spaces on all SPUSD campuses.

Q: What happens if we raise more money than \$120,000?

A: Any funds greater than \$120,000 will be used to refresh supplies throughout the school year.

Q: What if I have additional questions about the Back2Class South Pas fundraiser?

A: For additional questions, you may contact Kathleen Baumann, kbaumannspcouncilpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the Back2Class South Pas fundraiser!