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Subject: Harvey Kids Funds Available

Good morning, Dr. Alvarado.

I am writing to introduce the **Harvey KIDS (Keeping Impacted Districts Supported) Education Fund** and to potentially offer funding support for ESC Region 2 districts/campuses impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Educate Texas, an initiative of Communities Foundation of Texas, in collaboration with our funding partners, raised funds to meet urgent district needs still associated with Harvey. In addition, we anticipate some of the funds will also be available to fund longer term rebuilding and redesigning of schools to enhance the student learning experience. The fund has currently raised \$1.6 million, with significant donations coming from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Boone Family Foundation, Communities Foundation of Texas, Lyda Hill Foundation, The Meadows Foundation, ORIX Foundation, Rainwater Charitable Foundation and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.**

Currently, the fund supports immediate relief to address direct challenges related to the storm including damaged infrastructure (non-capital expenses), incremental resources to minimize disruption to displaced students, support for basic needs, services to address mental health, communications with students and families, and more. So far, awards have been granted to 11 impacted school districts totaling over \$360,000. Some of the requests funded to date include hiring of and case management support to mental health professionals, hiring additional teaching/tutorial staff, replacement of lost technology and equipment, transportation for students displaced outside their home-school zone, etc.

For districts interested in applying, the process is fast and easy. Application for grants can be made at edtx.org/HarveyKids. Proposals submitted by eligible schools or districts will need to have the district superintendent's signature. The approval and disbursement process is 7-10 working days, so dollars can go to work immediately.

Attached is a one pager on the Harvey KIDS Education Fund. Please share this information within your region and among other Harvey-impacted regions that you feel might benefit from the grant. Questions about the Harvey KIDS Education Fund can be directed to [Riddhi Chhaya](mailto:Riddhi.Chhaya@edtx.org) at Communities Foundation of Texas.

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