



Memo: October 1, 2008
To: ESA Superintendents and Chief Executive Officers
From: Brian L. Talbott, Executive Director
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Re: Hurricane Relief

Greetings:

Many of you have contacted me, AESA Council members, and staff asking what you can do to help the schools devastated by Hurricane Ike.

Texas Region 4 Educational Service Center at Houston, whose service area includes Galveston Island that the National Weather Service reported sustained a storm surge of 14 feet and sustained winds of 110 mph that destroyed the town, is coordinating collection and distribution of donations for schools in Regions 4 and 5, which include the most severely damaged areas of the Texas coast. The Texas Education Agency reported that of the 200 school districts in the Texas that were closed immediately after the storm, 71 of those school districts in Regions 4 and 5 remain closed, 15 of those being closed indefinitely including some designated as "extensive damage."

Region 4 has also been in contact with Regions 6 and 7, where local resources are meeting most of the needs. Based on requests from local school districts, the Texas Educational Service Centers have compiled a list of clothing, personal hygiene items, and school supplies needed to assist students.

Items on the list may be sent to:

Hurricane Relief
ATTN: Gerard Jackson
Region 4 ESC
7145 W. Tidwell
Houston, TX 77092

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Executive Director

Hurricane Relief Supplies for Students
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Clothing

Packaged Socks
Packaged Underwear – Boys and Girls
All sizes polo-style tops – white, navy, red
Shirts w/collars – XS, S, M, L, XL
All sizes Jeans
“Khaki” colored slacks – Boys and Girls
Tennis Shoes – Boys and Girls

Personal Hygiene Items

Anti Bacterial hand cleaning gel
Soap
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Shampoo and other hair care products
Lotion
Insect repellent

School Supplies

Back packs
Glue sticks
Elmer's Glue, 4-6oz bottles
Scissors, 5"blunt
No. 2 pencils
Crayons, 8 & 24 count boxes
Plastic folders w/pockets (no rings)
Pocket folders with and without brads – Assorted colors

Pink erasers
Manila Construction Paper
Colored pencils, 8 & 12 count
Washable Markers, 8 count
Assorted Colors Construction paper, 12x18 and 9x12
Multimethod Tablets 11x8.5 ½
Plastic School Boxes
½ " Story Tablets
Composition Books
Clear Poly envelope w/string closure 9.75x11.75
Notebook paper – wide rule
Red grading pencils
White Construction paper 9x12
Spiral Notebooks –Assorted colors
Zipper pencil pouch/bag
Pocket Eng/Spanish Dictionary
Pencil top erasers
Nap Mats
Baby Wipes
Zip Lock bags: gallon and sandwich size