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## **Back 2 School America to Surprise Chicago Elementary School with Free Supplies for Every Student**

*Non-Profit Will Distribute 450 School Supply Kits to Students at Contest-Winning School to Enhance Academic Performance & Increase Students' Self Esteem*

**WHAT:**

On Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pmCT, national non-profit Back 2 School America (B2SA) will inform the entire student body of Alex Haley Academy in Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood that their school is one of the three winners of its 2022 "Win School Supplies for an Entire School" contest.

At the Wednesday afternoon assembly at the school, pre-Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be surprised by B2SA with the delivery of 450 free school supply kits (one for each student), loaded with the core supplies they need for the year.

Alex Haley Academy teacher Sherry Pirtle submitted an entry to Back 2 School America's annual "Win School Supplies..." contest and the school was selected (alongside two other Chicago schools) from all of the applications submitted.

While most students strive for success in the classroom, it can sometimes prove difficult when they don't have the necessary school supplies. With B2SA's annual contest, underserved Chicago students from several winning schools are given the tools they need to thrive in the classroom. Providing them with these kits the first few weeks of school lets the students know that they deserve a good education and that others in their community care about them and their success.

Major funding of the “Win School Supplies for an Entire School” program is provided by Republic Bank.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 7th | 2:45pm- 3:45pmCT

**WHERE:** Alex Haley Academy | 11411 S Eggleston, Chicago, IL 60628

**NOTE:** THIS EVENT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### ***About Alex Haley Academy***

*Alex Haley Academy strives to create a rich learning community by embracing the diversity of its students. The school’s aim is to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of every student. They believe that individualized instruction, professional learning communities, standards-based instruction, with the infusion of technology, along with parental involvement and community partnership create a climate that can empower every student to learn and grow into responsible, global, successful life-long learners.*

### ***About Back 2 School America (B2SA)***

*The Back 2 School program was launched in 2007 to address the pressing needs of communities and the inequities in educational opportunities for children. In 2015 the nonprofit changed its’ name to Back 2 School Illinois (B2SI) to reflect the work of the organization. In the summer of 2018, B2SI expanded and launched Back 2 School America, to provide Back 2 School kits to children across the USA.*

*Today, Back 2 School America (B2SA) continues to provide children of low-income households with free school supplies to help level the playing field and lessen the financial burden on their families and teachers.*

*Since its inception, the Back 2 School program has provided more than 325,000 children with their own school supply kits. The organization’s long-term goal is to make sure that all children in the USA are provided with the school supplies they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.*

*For more information and for details about upcoming events, please visit [www.b2sa.org](http://www.b2sa.org)*

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