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Fox Valley Savings Donates COVID-Specific Supplies to Community Partner School

FOND DU LAC (WI)—Fox Valley Savings Bank recently gifted its community partner school with supplies to directly support student learning and safety. Riverside Elementary is now stocked up on dry erase markers, Post-It Notes, disposable cups, and disposable face masks for the Spring term.

“Schools build citizens and anchor our community—as a community bank, we understand this,” said FVSB President and CEO Steven R. Schmudlach. “And that is why Fox Valley Savings Bank has been an official community partner with Riverside Elementary for more than 10 years.”

The recent donation fulfilled both new pandemic-based needs, as well as ongoing needs for academic supplies.

“Neighbor check-ins have been an important connection for all of us during the pandemic. I reached out to Principal Jessica Hughes to see if Riverside had any current needs,” said FVSB Chief Marketing Officer and Assistant Vice President Kirsten Quam. Riverside Elementary is a 4K-Grade 5 school in the Fond du Lac Public School District, located within walking distance of FVSB. “COVID has created so many extreme needs for schools and families, and we wanted to help in any way we could.”

Hughes identified four specifics: Post-It Notes for ongoing notetaking; dry erase markers so each student could have their own to use in engagement learning in math and reading; disposable cups for students who forget water bottles during pandemic water-fountain closure; and disposable masks for students who need them to maintain health protocols at school.

The bank ordered and delivered the items. The \$500 donation provided a stock of dry-erase markers for all classrooms; 17 multipacks of Post-It Notes for use throughout the school; 300 plastic cups; and 750 disposable masks, in a variety of sizes, including those that will fit the smallest students, as requested by Hughes.

The decade-long community partnership between the bank and school has featured student art displayed in the bank lobby; financial education for students and families; bank employees serving as spelling bee judges and coaches for a bank-sponsored Girls on the Run team; and the bank providing a variety of supplies at school functions.

“We have so much gratitude for the bank’s help and connection,” Hughes said. “We have a trusting friendship with Kirsten and the bank. There is value in creating connection between schools and businesses in our communities.”

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