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**NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**School Supply Drive Supports Solano Foster and Homeless Students**

**FAIRFIELD, CA** - Over the last school year, Solano County schools have identified over 1,400 homeless students and approximately 400 foster students. Homeless youth may be unaccompanied and couch surfing from home-to-home, living on the streets, in shelters, or staying temporarily with family or friends due to a loss of housing or financial problems. Foster youth may reside with a relative, in a foster home, or in a group home.

Solano County Office of Education is hosting a local “Stuff the Bus” school supply drive to benefit Solano foster and homeless youth. Solano County Office of Education is joined in this effort by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Solano County, Sutter Medical Group, Sutter Solano Medical Center, the Wednesday Club of Suisun, Volunteers of America, North Bay Schools Insurance Company, FedEx Ground, and K to College in supporting the regional Stuff the Bus campaign. Each organization is helping to collect school supplies and backpacks that will be distributed through the Solano County Office of Education to Solano school districts serving foster and homeless youth.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented, “We are so appreciative and grateful for the ongoing generosity and support that Solano County residents and businesses show our foster and homeless students. Donations made to help Stuff the Bus make going back to school a little easier and learning more accessible for these students.”

Area residents and businesses can help the Stuff the Bus campaign too by donating school supplies at the two drop off locations detailed below. Students can use new backpacks and school supplies for all ages (please no solid blue or red colors).

**Donations can be dropped off during the workweek at the following Solano County Office of Education locations, from 8:00AM-5PM, July 23 - July 29, 2019:**

**Solano County Office of Education**, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534  
**Golden Hills Education Center**, 2460 Clay Bank Road, Bldg. 2, Fairfield, CA 94533

For more information, please contact the Solano County Office of Education’s Student and Program Support at (707) 399-4812.

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