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**Inspirus Credit Union gives more than \$40,000  
in backpacks and school supplies to Washington students**

Homelessness in Washington State has increased nearly 100 percent over the last ten years. According to the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#), more than 40,000 students statewide are homeless.

SEATTLE, WASH. – A new school year means a new classroom, new friends, lots of learning and writing, and erasing mistakes. According to a [recent study](#), families are expected to spend an average of \$112 this year on school supplies alone. For some households already struggling to make ends meet, that additional expense can be burdensome.

Teacher-founded Inspirus Credit Union is giving more than \$40,000 in backpacks and school supplies to support students in need this school year.

“As a credit union that believes in the power of education, we hope these resources will get thousands of students off to a successful start to the new school year,” said Inspirus Credit Union President Scott Adkins. “We’re honored to partner with schools across the state to ensure we’re giving back in high-need areas, and really making an impact.”

Donations from Inspirus will support more than 20,000 students this year.

“We are so grateful for the donations of school supplies from Inspirus,” said Bremerton School District Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Leavell. “Without their help, many of our students wouldn’t have the school supplies they need for the new school year.”

A Seattle public school teacher founded Inspirus Credit Union more than 82 years ago with a vision for supporting Washington’s education community. Today, Inspirus is still rooted in education with charitable donations that benefit students, teachers, and lifelong learners across the state.

To learn more about the ways Inspirus supports education, visit [www.Facebook.com/inspirusCU](http://www.Facebook.com/inspirusCU).

**About Inspirus Credit Union**

Inspirus Credit Union (pronounced inspire-us) is where banking benefits education. Founded by a Seattle Public School teacher more than 80 years ago, Inspirus still makes giving back to education core to its mission. When members use Inspirus for their financial services, they join a community who makes an impact across the state. Nearly 80,000 member-owners share a passion for education that connects them to Inspirus and Washington classrooms. The credit union is a not-for-profit financial institution

that returns earnings to members through lower loan rates, higher returns on deposit, and donates time, talents, and dollars to the communities it serves. With \$1.2 billion in assets, Inspirus operates branches in Seattle, Spokane, and Lynnwood. For more information, visit [inspirusCU.org](https://inspirusCU.org).

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