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Dear Mr. Allen:

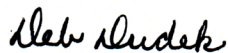
It was such a pleasure to meet you today at the backpack event at Central Elementary School. I am overwhelmed at your generosity. The backpacks and supplies are such a tremendous gift to our students in need. You could just see the joy in the student's eyes as they opened their backpacks to see their new school supplies.

As you are well aware, students who come to school feeling prepared and positive for learning increase their likelihood of success. Having a backpack with school supplies provides students with the sense of pride that is beyond measurement.

The 200 backpacks and supplies will be distributed to those students in need at all eight of Portage's elementary schools. There are 3,499 students currently enrolled in these elementary schools. With 60% of our students in need of free/reduced lunch support, the need for assistance is substantial.

Thanks again for the good things you do to support children. We appreciate it more than you will ever know. Maybe remembering the smiles on our Portage kids will help.

Sincerely,



Deb Dudek