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Dear Ridgewood Parents and Guardians, Faculty and Staff:

As we head back to school tomorrow, 160 school districts in Texas have been forced to delay their school openings due to the after-effects of Hurricane Harvey. Wanting to find a way that our learning community could assist the school communities impacted by this natural disaster, Ridgewood administrators contacted the American Red Cross, which suggested that we donate to their Texas school relief efforts, since many schools have been damaged.

Therefore, we are conducting a district-wide coin drive, with collected money going towards purchasing school supplies through the American Red Cross. Students and their families who wish to contribute may bring their coins to school and deposit them in the clearly designated buckets that will be in place from Thursday, September 7 through Tuesday, September 12. After September 12, we will make a district donation to the American Red Cross.

Coincidentally, on September 12, we will be partnering with the Ridgewood AM Rotary to collect shoes for the Soles 4 Souls campaign. Two years ago, with our help, the Rotary collected and donated almost 14,000 pairs of shoes for this organization, an incredible accomplishment. They want to collect even more this time around. Starting on September 12 and through the month of October, collection boxes will be at each school. If your household is like mine, old shoes, sneakers and boots accumulate until finally you donate them. The Soles 4 Souls collection is the perfect time. More information will follow.

I hope tomorrow will be a great first day of school. I thank you in advance for considering donating to these two worthy causes.

Sincerely yours,

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