ITEM FOR INFORMATION

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: CLOTHES FOR KIDS

SUMMARY
The Clothes for Kids program provides free new or gently used clothing and shoes to Beaverton School District students so they can go to school feeling confident and ready to learn. The program is run by volunteers and is open to families Tuesday through Thursday, with extended hours on Wednesdays.

BACKGROUND
The Clothes for Kids (C4K) program has been in existence since the late 1970s, when a group of school secretaries identified a need and established a clothing closet with donated items. Over the years, the program has grown from a grassroots operation serving elementary schools into a well-organized program that has supported over 1,600 students thus far this year.

The program is operated by dedicated volunteers who generously give their time, service and care to ensure its continued success and sustainability. Nine lead volunteers oversee daily operations, coordinate volunteer efforts, and provide students and families with a caring, welcoming and dignified shopping experience.

For many years, the program's oversight was housed within the Communications & Community Involvement Department, and expanded significantly to serve increasing numbers of students. This school year, the program transitioned to the Teaching & Learning Department, where a staff member is now assigned exclusively to support and oversee the program.

The C4K program has developed strong partnerships with community organizations that provide donations and support. It also generates revenue through surplus sales. These funds help sustain program operations and support the purchase of new underwear, socks and other essential supplies for students.

RECOMMENDATION
This program spotlight is presented as an item for information. No action is needed.

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