

## **Austin ISD Partner Support Crisis Response Update**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin ISD is adapting quickly and developing innovative ways to support food delivery; remote learning; and the health, social and emotional needs of our students, faculty and staff.

The Austin Ed Fund, together with AISD, created the [AISD Crisis Support Fund](#) to support our school communities during this time. To date, more than \$820,000 has been donated by over 500 generous donors to Austin Ed Fund's AISD Crisis Support Fund. So far, the fund has supported the following:

- Meal Service: AISD's Food Service Team continues to feed our students at over 70 sites around Austin, providing up to 10,000 meals per day. The fund supports the increased costs of this service including the possible resumption of caregiver meals.
- Telehealth Medical Appointment Fees: The fund is providing fee vouchers for tele-health visits for families who are uninsured and do not qualify for free/reduced meal benefits or Medicaid.
- Translation and Interpretation Services: The fund is increasing the district's capacity for on-demand and rapid response translation and interpretation services for our families who speak nearly 100 different languages.
- Support for Remote Learning: The fund is supporting costs for district-wide license for SeeSaw, an online learning platform for PreK-2nd grade students, tablets for PreK-2nd grade students.
- Teacher Support: The fund is making it possible for all 5,500 AISD Teachers to receive Amazon gift vouchers to support their social and emotional health and needs for remote instruction. See below for more information about #ThankYouTeachers.

In addition to the financial contributions to the AISD Crisis Support Fund, so many community partners have offered their in-kind support by providing and distributing books and computers/devices, food and other basic need items for families across the District. Some of these in-kind donors include Austin Free Net, Brighter Bites, Literati and the American Heart Association. These are just a few of the many in-kind donors that we are still learning about. For a list of major financial donors, [click here](#).

