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EQUIPPING STUDENTS WITH TOOLS4SUCCESS AT NIMITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

In a partnership between the Education Foundation and the ECISD AVID Department, new **Tools4Success** centers were unveiled at Nimitz Middle School this week. Tools4Success provides students with the supplies, or tools, they need to be successful. Pens, pencils, highlighters, notebook paper, Cornell notes, and more are made available to students at no charge. This is the second campus benefitting from Tools4Success – Crockett students have been very receptive to the supplies provided and it has saved our teachers from having to purchase extra supplies for their classrooms.

This project was made possible by our neighborhood friends at Walmart – East. “Walmart Store 537 is proud to support education programs like Tools4Success at Nimitz Middle School in Odessa,” says Larry Leyva, Store Manager. “We seek to create value in the communities around the world where we operate, strengthening them through local grants supporting programs that help them thrive.”

Nimitz Middle School Principal, Teresa Willison said, “We would like to thank our neighborhood friends, Walmart, for their dedication to helping our students have the tools necessary for success. We know that at some point in time, all students will need supplies. The generosity of Walmart is greatly appreciated by both our students and our teachers.”

The Education Foundation of Odessa is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization of citizens who share a vision of enhancing education in ECISD.

The Education Foundation of Odessa provides a new and innovative source of funding to support the school district’s educational plan. The Foundation does not attempt to replace lost state funding, nor does it attempt to take the place of the district’s operating budget. When considering the level of funding required to educate students, the Foundation can expect only to provide funds for those projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience. Such initiatives provide enrichment, research opportunities, teacher training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready... WORLD-READY!

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