



'School to School' program will assist Lutheran schools recovering from Hurricane destruction

In response to the devastation resulting from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, LCMS School Ministry and LCMS Disaster Response have developed a plan for response, support and assistance for schools in the areas that were affected by the storms. This new initiative is called "School to School" and we hope that you will invite the schools in your district to participate.

LCMS communications has constructed a specific School to School webpage that is a part of the overall [LCMS.org](https://www.lcms.org) website. This page has been designed to express the needs of Lutheran preschools, elementary schools and high schools affected by the storms. Affected schools have provided their school contact information and a description of the damage they have sustained. Some schools may provide a giving link to donate to their school; others will simply share their mailing address.

All unaffected Lutheran schools may now choose one or more affected schools that they wish to support. Prayers for all of these schools are requested and unaffected schools may provide additional support through their gifts in response to specific needs identified by the storm-affected schools. All 100% of any monetary donations will go directly to the affected schools. In this way, Lutheran schools across the nation and around the world can support other schools who are attempting to recover and tangibly assist in their road to recovery.

We are pleased to announce that the website is now open for business and schools may access this information at <https://schooltoschool.lcms.org/>. This webpage will allow our schools to demonstrate our spirit of generosity to those in need and establish ongoing relationships between schools that illustrates the scope of our wonderful, Christ-centered LCMS school system. Please share this link with the schools and ministries in your District!

Feel free to contact me if you have other questions. I thank God for the cooperation of our partners here at the International Center and the education support staff of people working in district offices. I thank you in advance of your participation and for the partnership we have in serving schools. I pray that God will bless our efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry L. Schmidt".

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