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Department of Corrections donates book bags and supplies to hundreds of students

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – The Prince George's County Department of Corrections donated close to 600 book bags filled with school supplies to Riverdale Elementary School on August 29, 2019, as part of the 23rd annual Pencil Box Project. Every student at the school will receive a book bag filled with school supplies. The book bags were donated before the start of the school year, so families wouldn't feel the need to go out and buy supplies.

"We want to give you every tool that you will need to succeed this year. When students are prepared they are more likely to have a successful school year," Department of Corrections Director, Mary Lou McDonough told an auditorium full of parents and students.

Every year, the Department of Corrections donates supplies to a local school in an effort to ensure students are prepared for success. Riverdale Elementary School was selected because it is a Title I school, meaning that it receives supplemental funds to meet the educational goals of the large concentration of low-income students.

The Department of Corrections raised more than \$5,000 internally and also received a monetary donation from the Prince George's County Correctional Officers and in-kind donations from local stores, including Applebee's, Staples, Home Depot and Dollar Tree. Our county partners demonstrated that it takes a village to raise a child.

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