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**235 Tukwila students receive backpacks filled with school supplies
for the new school year**

As teachers across the state prepare their classrooms for a new school year, families are shopping for new backpacks and school supplies for their kids. But what happens to the families and students who cannot afford to spend hundreds of dollars on new school supplies each year?

SEATTLE, WASH. – 235 Tukwila School District students raced through the halls of Inspirus Credit Union last week with brand new backpacks full of school supplies to take home.

This was part of a backpack giveaway at Inspirus where students in need from the Tukwila School District were invited to the credit union to “shop” for their own back to school supplies.

As students walked through the front doors, they were greeted by an Inspirus team member who gave them play money to shop with.

As they shopped, students practiced their budgeting skills to determine which school supplies they could afford with the money they were given, all while making sure they got the supplies on their class list.

“It was such a gratifying day knowing that we served over 200 students with brand new backpacks and school supplies,” said Inspirus Credit Union President Scott Adkins. “We’re proud supporters of Washington’s education community and this event truly shows how much Inspirus team members care about our passion for education and how accepted our giveback is within the community.”

Special guests including state and local dignitaries, Tukwila School District officials, members of the Northwest Credit Union Association and Inspirus board members were invited to the credit union to partake in the event.

“Today’s event at Inspirus marks a wonderful memory that Tukwila students will forever remember,” said Tukwila School District Superintendent Nancy Coogan. “Our students, their families, and our staff are both thankful and excited about the new school supplies and backpacks our students will have access to this school year.”

Inspirus Credit Union donated 1,000 backpacks in total to support Washington’s McKinney-Vento students and they have plans to donate more before the school year begins. For more information, visit their Facebook page [@inspirusCU](#).

About Inspirus Credit Union

Founded in 1936 by a Seattle math and journalism teacher, Inspirus serves 80,000 members across Washington who share a passion for education. With \$1.1 billion in assets, Inspirus operates branches in Seattle, Spokane, and Lynnwood. Its philanthropy model includes education-giveback programs that allow members to direct charitable contributions to schools in their communities. Inspirus team members donate upwards of 1,000 volunteer hours each year in support of education. Inspirus Credit

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