

Kids In Need Foundation



Kids In Need Foundation (KINF) is the **only** national nonprofit focusing on the nation's most under-resourced schools: those where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals through the National School Lunch Program.

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Kids In Need Foundation creates equitable learning spaces through the distribution of supplies and resources, investing in teachers and students in underserved schools. Promoting equity in schools is an invaluable social investment that gives children a reliable foundation and fosters a broader perspective. A quality education equips students with knowledge about themselves and the world around them and ultimately empowers them to make wise decisions for their futures.

2024 Report Card - Minnesota

With
127,991
students supported



And
4,018
teachers supported



In
436
under-resourced schools



In Minnesota in 2024, Kids In Need Foundation supported over **127,991 students** and **4,018 teachers** in approximately **436 under-resourced schools** across **21 counties**. At the schools served through our programs and initiatives, 50% or more of enrolled students are eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) services.

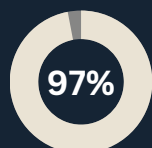
KINF TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER
Served 78,681 students/3,494 teachers
SUPPLY A STUDENT
Served 37,581 students

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

Access to supplies profoundly impacts students' learning experiences and personal development. Teachers reported the resources they obtain from the Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Resource Centers are **"critically" or "very" important to their students!**



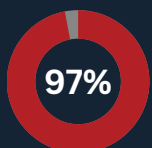
Class preparedness



Confidence levels



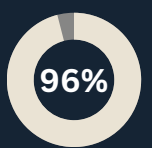
Class participation



Self-esteem



Interest in learning



Social engagement at school

"I typically spend \$300 at the beginning of the school year. I have shopped at Kids in Needs Foundation teacher resource store for a few years now and have avoided that personal expense. That means a lot"

-Michael Houston, Harding High School
2023 Teacher of the Year

Project Summary

Kids In Need Foundation (KINF) is seeking support for bills [HF 1609](#) & [SF 1415](#): a general obligation bond for \$3 million to acquire a 75,000-square-foot distribution center for teachers and students - KINF will have a \$6 million (2/3 project cost) match. The project seeks to repurpose an existing property into a multifaceted facility encompassing the MN Teacher Resource Center & volunteer center, school supply warehouse and general office space.

The facility supports specialized programs like RISE: Rural and Indigenous School Equity, directly addressing the unique challenges faced by these communities. The expanded infrastructure will enable KINF to offer increased support to a greater number of students and an increased number of communities across the state.



Infrastructure Expansion:

Investment from the state will contribute to acquiring and repurposing an existing building, providing a centralized facility to address the need to reach teachers and students throughout the entire state.



Teacher Resource Center:

Expanded facilities will increase access for more teachers to our Teacher Resource Center, a retail store setting where teachers from the most underserved schools “shop” for supplies at no cost. The center will also serve as a training site for teacher workshops, continuing education, and professional development.



Community Engagement:

The investment will expand our volunteer center, where community members can assist hands-on by packing school supply kits for underserved students and teachers.



RISE: Rural and Indigenous School Equity

The new facility will provide expanded space and resources, allowing Kids In Need Foundation to efficiently scale its' warehouse operations to support the RISE program, dedicated to closing the opportunity gap in Rural and Indigenous communities.