

Rotary Club Members...

Today I come to you as an advocate for the students of Dunbar Middle School, I have been the CIS Program Coordinator for Dunbar Middle School for 14 years, but I've been employed with CIS for 18 years. Each and every year I have noticed that the needs of the students in D.I.S.D have become greater and greater.

Each year CIS provides services for at risk students within the D.I.S.D community. I believe that with the right guidance, these students will be equipped with the skills needed to be successful; but the job of Communities in Schools doesn't stop there.

Imagine if you will, going to school and having to borrow a pencil and paper daily, or having to go to the CIS office for a snack pack because your school lunch is your last hot meal of the day, or sadly having to ask for undergarments because your family's water was turned off and there is no clean laundry. Or needing a jacket to stand at the bus stop, but you don't have one because your family can't afford one. The services contributed by CIS are endless.

There's a clothes closet that I try to keep stocked with clothing items to help, I have a snack drawer that I also try to keep filled with non-perishable food to feed the students that are "still" hungry after they've eaten. But when I'm having to go into my own pocket OR when I have to ask the community for monies to assist me with funds; tends to be a bit redundant at times.

In order to distribute these students with guidance, support, academic help, and social services I have to collaborate with the community for donations. I hope that the Rotary Club will assist me, the Communities in Schools Program Coordinator for Dunbar Middle School on this journey to uplift and motivate the students of Dunbar Middle School to stay in school and graduate.

Thank you so very much for your time & support.

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