



Dr. Hite with students from Hill-Freedman Academy on the first day of school for the traditional bell ringing ceremony. "For the first time in about four years, or since I've been superintendent, we're opening in a more stable way, in a more stable environment," said Philadelphia Schools Superintendent Dr. William Hite.



OUR BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE

CHRISTINA WEISS LURIE, PRESIDENT OF THE EAGLES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, JOINS THE FUND BOARD



The Fund recently announced the appointment of Christina Weiss Lurie, President of the Eagles Charitable Foundation, Eagles Social Responsibility, to our Board of Directors adding another gifted and passionate children's advocate to our roster of notable Board members. Lurie has long been committed to transforming lives, particularly the lives of children through health, athletics, and education. It is this passion to impact the lives of children that led Lurie to The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia's Board of Directors. A firm believer in partnerships, Lurie stressed the positive impact of organizations that work jointly to tackle strategic goals.

WE LAUNCHED THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR WITH SEVERAL GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES.



This school year, more than 500 new teachers entered the Philadelphia School District. Our new teachers were welcomed by the Fund, Mayor Jim Kenney, Superintendent Dr. William Hite, and leaders in the hospitality industry. All of our new teachers were given gift bags filled with classroom supplies donated from the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, Pennsylvania Convention Center, and Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association.

THE RIGHT BOOKS, THE RIGHT HANDS

Thank you for your contribution. We are pleased to inform you, the second group of schools received 130,000 new books to make up their classroom leveled reading libraries in kindergarten through third grade. These instructional libraries will help teach students to read with confidence and on or above grade level by fourth grade. Now, 93 of our 149 elementary schools have the Right Books.

We need your help to raise an additional \$1.5 million toward our \$3.5 million match goal, which will place the classroom leveled reading libraries in the remaining 56 schools. Remember, there is a 1 to 1 match supported by William Penn and Lenfest Foundations. Ask your family and friends to contribute.

Donations may be made here -- <https://fundschooldistrictphila.kindful.com/>



AMAZON'S BIG SURPRISE

Amazon.com surprised students and teachers at Jay Cooke ES with school supplies worth \$10,000. The supplies included computer speakers, construction paper, notebooks and craft supplies for every classroom.

Mayor Kenney, who was in on the surprise said, "It's wonderful to have our corporate community involved with our children in every neighborhood in our city."