



## NEWS RELEASE

### **City of Ferguson Delivers School Supplies to Ferguson-Florissant Students**



(Ferguson, MO) – City of Ferguson Councilwoman, Ella Jones and Ferguson-Florissant Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Davis, delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to Bermuda Elementary School and Airport Elementary School.

“The City of Ferguson is stepping up in collaboration with the Ferguson-Florissant school district and other generous sponsors to provide our students with what they need to be successful,” said Jones. “This supports their self-esteem and confidence that they can do well in school. When a child realizes that you care about them by your actions and they hug and thank you for it; that is a paycheck for the heart.”

The idea developed after the Ferguson Unity Weekend back to school fair. The fair was held on Sunday, August 9th and donated school supplies to more than 671 students in the district.

“After the Unity Weekend, we wanted to continue our efforts of positive empowerment,” said Jones. “People have been reaching out to find ways that they can help and donate to the community. We will continue these efforts throughout the year.”

School supplies consisted of backpacks, notebooks, pencils, scissors and crayons given to students in need.

“The best economic developer is education,” said Davis. “People want to be around success and they want their children educated well. The best way to improve any community is to make sure our schools and students are succeeding all standards. That is why this collaboration is very important.”



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*The City of Ferguson, located in suburban north St. Louis County, is home to more than 22,000 residents, the world headquarters of Emerson Electric, and St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. A city with small town charm, diverse neighborhoods, and a vibrant, thriving downtown business district, Ferguson is just minutes from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and St. Louis-Lambert International Airport. Ferguson is conveniently accessed on its north side by Interstate 270 and on its south side by Interstate 70. For more information about Ferguson, please visit our Web site at: [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com).*