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## **Ballmer Group donates \$250k to Los Angeles County schools to meet COVID-19 crisis**

**DOWNEY** (March 19, 2020) — The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has secured a \$250,000 donation from the Ballmer Group, giving a boost to efforts to raise immediate dollars to help support the needs of local school districts and families in the current national health emergency.

“LACOE has been dedicated to assisting our districts through this crisis, working with philanthropic organizations to help schools get the support they need to meet this unprecedented challenge,” said Superintendent Debra Duardo. “I am grateful to the Ballmer Group for their generous donation and for their ongoing commitment to improving the lives of our most vulnerable children and families.”

Funds will be used for immediate district needs in areas that include distribution to needy students and families of food and resources such as diapers, formula and cleaning and medical supplies, as well as for online/distance learning and communications needs.

The Greater LA Education Foundation, set up at the California Community Foundation, operates as the philanthropic arm of LACOE to support the diverse needs of districts, schools, students and families across the region. Greater LA coordinates private resources and philanthropic partnerships across districts.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Foundation is coordinating community, business and philanthropic resources in support of LACOE and the immediate and ever-changing needs of school districts. Contributions to the fund can be made at <https://www.calfund.org/greaterla/>.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education, headquartered in Downey, is the nation’s largest regional education agency, providing a range of programs and services to support the region’s 80 K-12 school districts and two million preschool and school-age children.

For more information about the COVID-19 response from LACOE, please visit [www.lacoe.edu/covid19](http://www.lacoe.edu/covid19). Information about the Greater LA Education Fund is at [www.greaterlaedfund.org](http://www.greaterlaedfund.org)

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