



Congregations for Kids says thanks! This photo at the Spiritridge Elementary School gym site during our 26<sup>th</sup> annual *Good Start Back to School* project in mid-August shows Dr. Art Jarvis, Bellevue's Superintendent of Schools, along with Steering Committee members and project volunteers. Support this year came or is coming from 18 congregations, a retirement community, a corporation and a business. We are so grateful for your help in providing backpacks and/or school supplies for 2030 students from low-income families in the Bellevue School District. Your support has enabled us to fill over 31,115 district requests since 1996. Congregations for Kids is a sub-agency of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, providing nonprofit status for this program. Here are the 2021 statistics:

- 2030 customized kits of school supplies for K-12 costing \$26,650
- Average cost of kits for K-MS, not including backpacks: \$15.36 (HS kits had fewer supplies)
- 914 backpacks packed for K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades (all grades receive supplies)
- 65 more backpacks packed for additional students
- 37 cases of backpacks purchased costing \$6513
- 1107 elementary students helped before school starts
- 400 middle school students helped before school starts
- 458 high school students helped before school starts

- 27 Bellevue public schools in which students were helped
- 3 – lowest number of students helped in a school
- 235 – highest number of students helped in a school
- 7 – number of schools in which over 100 students were helped

More photos and updated 2021 project information are on our website, [www.congregations4kids.org](http://www.congregations4kids.org). Please take a look! Thanks again!