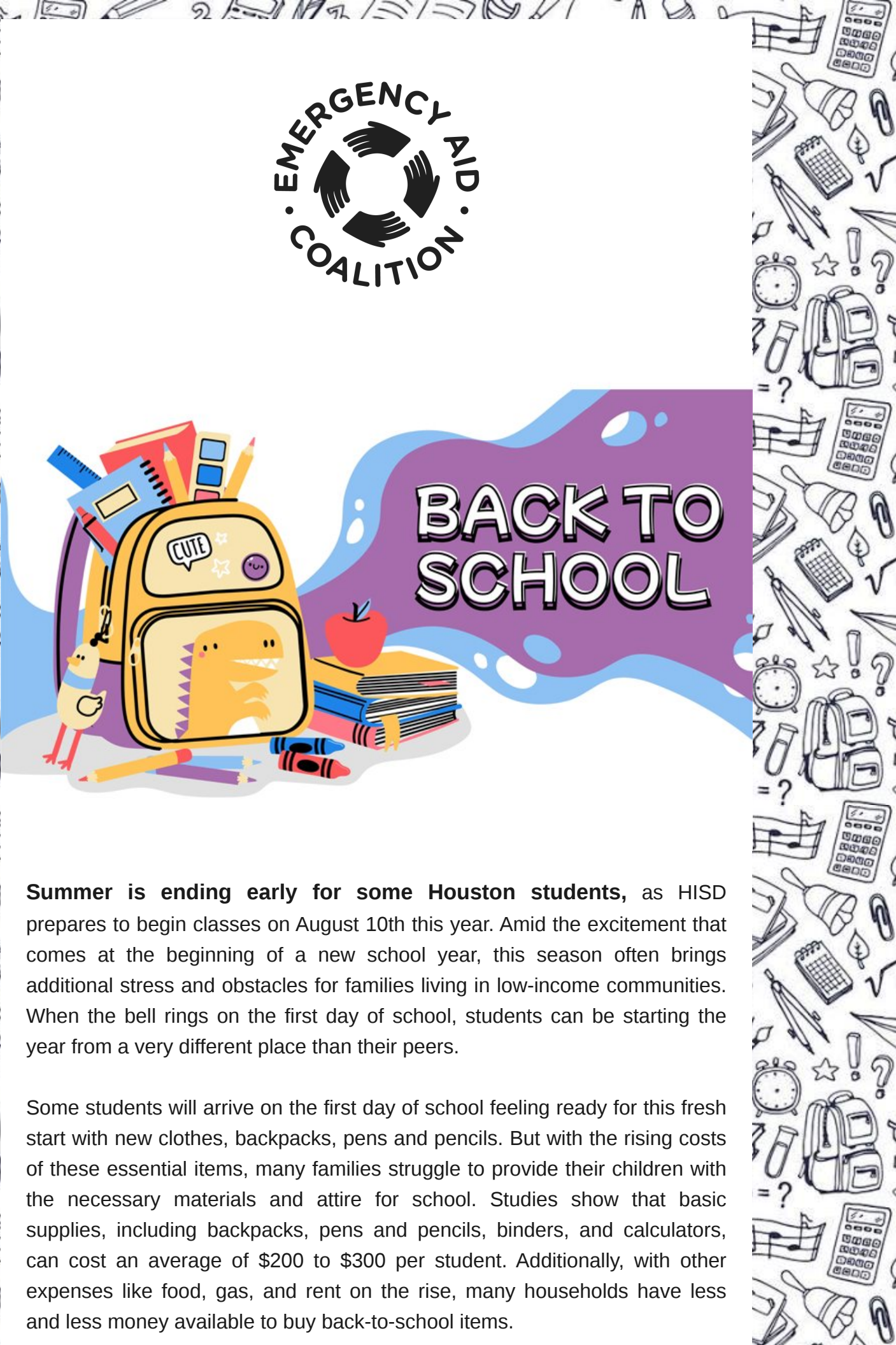






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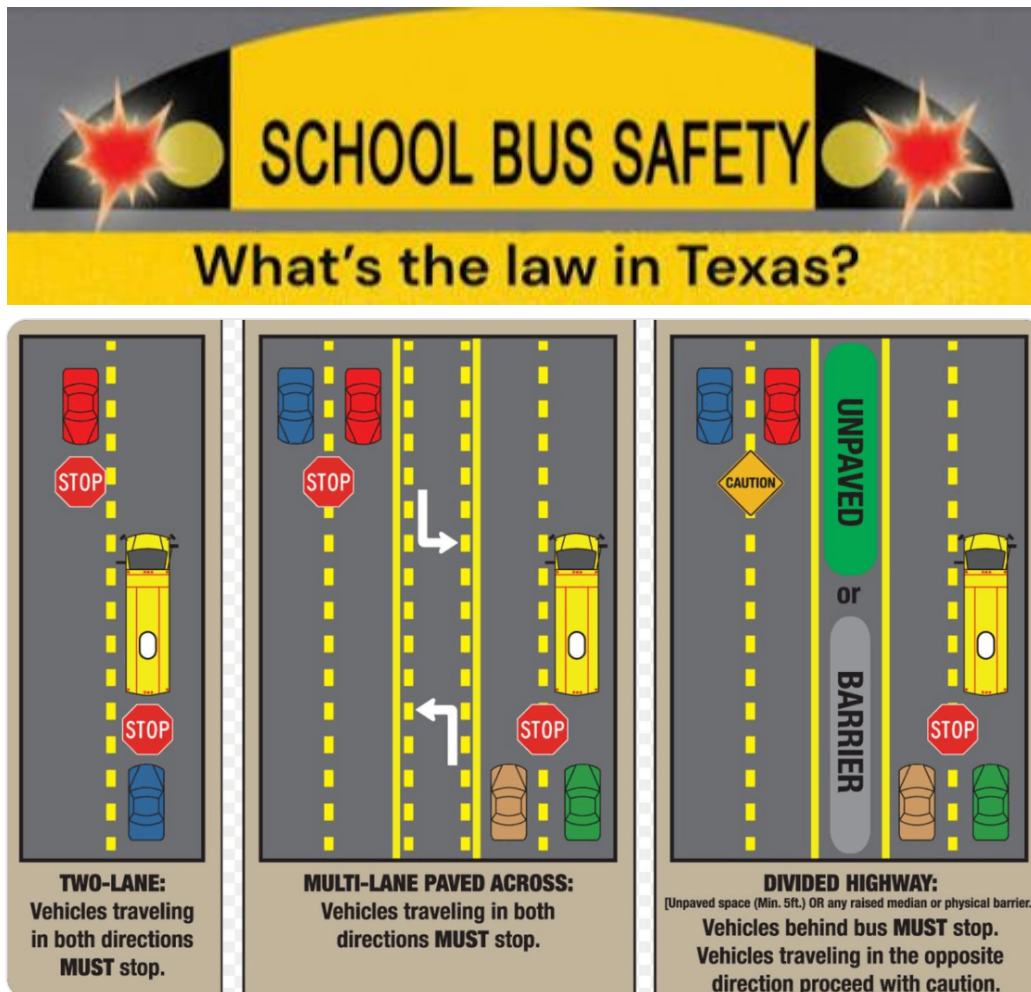


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The Emergency Aid Coalition is requesting donations of new and gently used backpacks, school clothes and basic school supplies. Together with your support, we're working toward ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial circumstances, can start the school year on a positive note.

**Donate to the EAC**

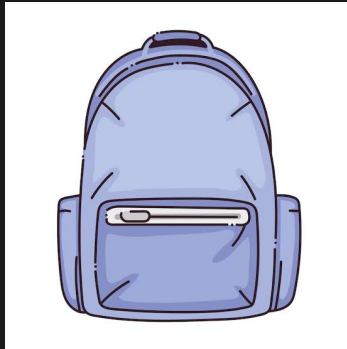


## Student Volunteers

The back-to-school season also means the EAC is losing some valued volunteers! Anika, Eleanor and Catherine made such an impact on everyone they worked with at the Emergency Aid Coalition. Their contributions in coordinating client services will be sorely missed, and we are grateful for the time they spent with us this summer.

If you or someone you know would like to help fill the gap they leave behind by volunteering at the EAC, contact Marian Bryant at [mbryant@eachouston.org](mailto:mbryant@eachouston.org).

**Volunteer**



#### **Clothing Center requests:**

- Backpacks
- School clothes
- NEW school supplies
- Sneakers, all sizes
- Men's shirts, XL and up
- Sheet sets



#### **Food Pantry requests:**

- Cereal
- Canned soup
- Vienna sausages
- Canned fruit





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