



Dear BPS Community Members,

As the Co-presidents of Seaholm Offers Support (SOS), Stephanie Showich and I have been so grateful and humbled by the overwhelming amount of assistance the BPS community has provided during the current health crisis. The large number of donations received from both individuals and groups has enabled our organization to provide between \$2000.00 and \$4000.00 worth of grocery gift cards to families across the district every week since March 16th.

Although difficult for all of us, the current pandemic has propelled SOS to be able to work with every school within the district to identify families in need. This has been the mission of SOS from the beginning – to help people within our community with random acts of kindness. Thanks to the collaboration of our fabulous CSO's within each BPS building, it became evident that there was a need for a charitable umbrella organization that was not school-specific. With that goal in mind, we are pleased to announce that Seaholm Offers Support (SOS) is now a district wide organization that will be known as **Schools Offer Support** (still **SOS**).

This transition is a dream come true for Lisa Corey, Kathleen Acker, Mary Carpenter, Laura Gibbs and Linda Stewart who are the founding members of SOS! These women and the current SOS board could not be happier to welcome *all BPS schools that are now a crucial part of the organization*.

As a symbol of the health crisis that brought us together, **SOS is selling facemasks!** These masks are available with BPS, Groves or Seaholm logos, are machine washable and are available in an adult size. A portion of the sale of these masks or any of the other spirit wear shown on the site will go to Birmingham SOS. There are a limited number of masks available so please act quickly! Please click on this link to place your order. <https://sos2020.itemorder.com/sale>

If you do not need a mask or spirit wear but would like to make a donation to Birmingham SOS, please click here for our Venmo link. <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/2282>

Again, thank you for all of the support and encouragement that we have received. We could not be more proud of our BPS community!

Be Well,

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