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**Westgate Mall to Host School Supply Drive**

**for School on Wheels of Massachusetts**

***Now through September 30, 2021***

BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS (August 2021) - Westgate Mall will host a Back 2 School Supply Drive for School on Wheels of Massachusetts through Thursday, September 30, 2021. The missionof School on Wheels is to support the academic, social, and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness. Donations of need include backpacks, pencils & pencil sharpeners, blue or black inked pens, pencil pouches, hand sanitizers, glue sticks, highlighters, plastic rulers, washable markers, composition notebooks and more. For a full listing of needed supplies, visit [ShopatWestgateMall.com](https://www.shopatwestgatemall.com/).

All donations can be dropped off at the marked donation bins located at Staples and near Burlington. Virtual donations can be made at SOWMA.org. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the educational support to Massachusetts students facing homelessness.

“The vision of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is for all students impacted by homelessness to have the support necessary to achieve a bright and productive future. This supply drive will help many area students experiencing homelessness to receive the supplies they need to succeed academically,” says Barbara Fox, Community Outreach Director for School on Wheels of Massachusetts.

**About School on Wheels of Massachusetts**

School on Wheels of Massachusetts (SOWMA) was founded in 2004 to bring one-on-one academic support to children struggling to stay on track and in school while experiencing homelessness. Since the start of the 2020/2021 academic year, SOWMA has distributed more than 6,000 new customized, grade-level backpacks to children and at-risk youth living in 38 Massachusetts communities. Trained volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to 280 students at 18 program site locations from Boston to the South Coast. The Bridge Mentoring Program provides 57 high school and college-age students with a volunteer mentor, who shepherds students through high school and onto post-secondary plans, including college, vocational training, and jobs.

For more information, visit [SOWMA.Org](https://www.sowma.org/).

**Westgate Mall**

Westgate Mall, an enclosed regional mall in Brockton, Massachusetts, features Burlington, Best Buy Outlet PlanetFitness, DICK’S Sporting Goods, Old Navy, and Staples, plus a mix of more than 60 specialty stores including Verizon and XFINITY Store by Comcast, Bath and Body Works, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, Famous Footwear, The Children’s Place, and Rue21. Eateries include Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, IHOP and Auntie Anne’s/Carvel/Cinnabon and more. Market Basket is also on-site. Westgate Mall is located at the intersection of Routes 24 and 27 in Brockton and accessible via the Brockton Area Transit Authority. For directions and additional information, visit [ShopatWestgateMall.com](https://www.shopatwestgatemall.com/). Westgate Mall is a New England Development shopping destination.

**New England Development**

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The company is acclaimed for creating some of the country's most widely-recognized and successful regional centers, as well as multifaceted developments that combine retail, residential, hotel, and office uses. Outlet centers, high-end and street-front retail, airport retail, golf courses, restaurants, and marinas round out New England Development's robust portfolio. For more information, visit [NEDevelopment.com](http://www.NEDevelopment.com).

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