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Army donates school supplies for students

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii— The burden of purchasing school supplies for students who attend Waimea Middle School, Hilo Union Elementary School, Kaumana Elementary School, Waiakea Elementary School, Waiakeawaena Elementary School, Keeau Middle School, and Pahoa Elementary School just got lighter.

The U.S. Army's PTA recently spent and donated more than \$24,000 worth of school supplies for Big Island's school-age children.

"We just wanted to give parents and families a little help due to the rising cost of gas, food, and other necessities," Command Sgt. Major James Murray, PTA's senior enlisted Soldier, said.

Fifty students from each of these schools will have an opportunity to receive new back packs with school supplies or a containers with school supplies.

On Saturday, July 12, boxes will be placed at the following fire stations: #1 Hilo Central, #2 at Keau Kaha, #3 at Kawailani, #4 at Kaumana, #5 at Keau, #9 at Waimea, and #10 at Pahoa. Parents or students can drop-off the student name, phone number, and school information in these boxes from July 12, after 9 a.m., through July 18.

Drawings for the school supplies will be held at the fire stations, on July 19, at 11 a.m. Students or their parents do not need to be present during the drawings.

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