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Vernon to help city’s school children, high school teens and college students bridge digital divide during online learning with donated laptops computers, school supplies and backpacks

Vernon, CA – The City of Vernon today announced it will, once again, demonstrate its commitment to quality education for the city’s school-age children, teens and college-enrolled students by providing them with “Back-to-School” essentials that will give them an advantage as they engage with their teachers or professors online or in person during the 2020 school year that has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Monday, August 24 at approximately 5:00 p.m., Vernon city officials will distribute backpacks stocked with useful school supplies, plus a Chromebook laptop computer to any kindergarten through 12th grade student who lives in Vernon. In addition, city officials will distribute a Chromebook laptop computer to any college-enrolled student who lives in Vernon.

Vernon Mayor Leticia Lopez said, “As a mother of three children and with my previous experience as a preschool teacher and Head Start Family Advocate, I know first-hand how challenging this new school year may be for many of our city’s school-aged children, high school and college students. COVID-19 has forced distance learning on most of them and they need laptop computers to attend their daily classes and to complete their assigned homework. Our city’s leaders strongly believe that supporting our scholars and helping them meet their back-to-school education needs today, supports our city’s future. So, as in past years, we are reaching out to help in ways we feel will be meaningful. Our message as city leaders to our community’s youth is: ‘Vernon students – We want to do our part to make your school year a successful one.’”

For more information on Vernon’s “Back-to-School” student assistance program, contact cityadmin@ci.vernon.ca.us or call (323) 775-8105.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon’s 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city’s 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California’s ‘Most Business Friendly City.’ Vernon generates more than $330 million in state income and sales taxes, $1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon’s businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.