

# IN THE NEWS

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## **Butzel Long and The Kids in Need Foundation to donate 320 backpacks with school supplies to students at The Detroit Leadership Academy**

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DETROIT, Mich. – New school supplies and backpacks are a highlight for students heading back to school this fall. Thanks to the Butzel Long Charitable Trust, 320 children at The Detroit Leadership Academy received these important supplies on their first day of school during a special assembly on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The elementary school is located at 13550 Virgil Street in Detroit.

“This is the second straight year we have been able to provide every single student at a Detroit elementary school with free backpacks full of the supplies and tools they need to succeed,” said Paul M. Mersino, attorney and shareholder at Butzel Long and Trustee of its Charitable Trust. “Every study shows that when school children have the proper supplies they need, their grades tend to increase. We want every student to have every opportunity to succeed. And personally, it is heartwarming to see the reactions of the children when we surprise them with school supplies. Every child benefits when they have the tools to get off to a good year in school.”

Throughout the year, Butzel Long supports many local organizations, charities, and community activities in an effort to give back to the City that it has been located in for 165 years. This is the second year that Butzel Long partnered with the Kids in Need Foundation in order to bring these backpacks to these deserving school children.