

Resources youth are in need of

During 94 "Listening Sessions," over 1,140 youth in Alexandria were asked to describe their "ideal" community. The following items were included in their responses:



FOOD

- "Free food" (repeated many times)
- "Cheaper groceries"
- "Free snacks (during class)"
- "Free food @ Bradlee for students"
- "Culturally inclusive foods (Halal)"



FEMININE & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- "Feminine products in the bathrooms"
- "Free feminine products"
- "Free hygiene products for all"
- "More access to hygiene stuff"
- "...some stuff for the girls like pads in the bathroom or perfume or lotion."



SPORTS & RECREATION

- "Free sports equipment"
- "Easier access to sports equipment"
- "More basketballs in the rec"
- "I would want to have a big soccer field to play soccer"
- "Free and inclusive youth sports"



CLOTHING & SHOES

- "Accessible clothing"
- "Clothing"
- "Free shoes" (mentioned multiple times)
- "More resources for people in lower income households, such as food and clothing"



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- "Free student supplies"
- "Give us school supplies for free"
- "Free supplies"
- "More updated books"



TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING TOOLS

- "Good connection for studying (wifi)"
- "Nicer school laptops"
- "Better school equipment"
- "Free scooters for student use"



DONATION IDEAS

- **Clothing:** new or gently used clothes, shoes, coats
- **Hygiene products:** pads, tampons, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion
- **Food:** non-perishable groceries, snacks, culturally inclusive foods (e.g., Halal options)
- **School supplies:** notebooks, pencils, backpacks, calculators, art supplies, books
- **Sports & recreation:** soccer balls, basketballs, cleats, general sports gear
- **Technology:** laptops, tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, calculators, chargers