



Mass Teacher Resources Announces the Opening of the MTR Free Store

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Mass Teacher Resources recently celebrated the launch of the MTR Free Store for teachers, the first in the state that exists solely to provide free school supplies for teachers in Greater Boston. Mass Teacher Resources partnered with the Woburn Chamber of Commerce and Empower Woburn to produce a successful Grand Opening, with Chamber members, community partners and local dignitaries in attendance.

Mass Teacher Resources and the MTR Free Store serves full-time classroom teachers at Title 1 public elementary schools in 70 communities in Greater Boston. Our mission is to help teachers at economically disadvantaged schools access the resources needed to create welcoming, inclusive, and safe learning environments for students. We believe that teachers should not have to use their own money to purchase items for their classrooms. Our goal is to help relieve the financial burden many teachers take on to ensure that their students have the tools they need to learn.

The MTR Free Store is stocked with office and classroom supplies most requested by local teachers, secured through private donations and local sustainability efforts. Eligible teachers are invited to shop for free by appointment up to 2 times each school year. Since opening their doors on September 17th, the MTR Free Store has served more than 50 teachers who on average receive items with a total value of \$400. And this is only the beginning!

Special thanks to our MTR Free Store sponsors, whose early financial contributions ensured that we could open to serve local teachers this fall: Shelf Sponsor Winchester Savings Bank and Bin Sponsors The Institution for Savings and Watertown Savings Bank.

We invite others to join these community leaders in support this important effort. You can help with financial support, supply donations, volunteer help and more! Mass Teacher Resources is a 501(c)3 organization, fiscally sponsored by Third Sector New England. Learn more about Mass Teacher Resources and the MTR Free Store online at www.massteacherresources.org

Picture: MTR Free Store Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting