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## **HCS Students Receive More Books, Support from Community**

Local initiative steps up to provide additional books for students during quarantine

HENRY COUNTY, GA – Charitable acts on behalf of students in Henry County Schools continued the first week in May as the Real Leaders Read Initiative provided books for students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Founder Ariel Shaw provided the latest donation for the district's young learners at Stockbridge Middle School, where books were available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A total of 500 books were made available to elementary students and divided up according to the corresponding age of the recipient. Dozens of titles were shared, offering a wide variety from which students could choose.

Board Chair Josh Hinton noted his appreciation for the community support and its impact on our schools.

"The partnerships that we have with organizations like Real Leaders Read shows how important our community is to helping our students succeed," said Hinton. "When students and families see the good deeds of so many, they know that people across the county are truly invested in our children's future. Our many thanks go out to Real Leaders Read for their generosity."

Shaw, owner of Ariel Shaw Consulting, noted her passion for helping students in the community and the reason for the donation.

"We have been supporting the young readers in Henry County since we created Real Leaders Read in 2017 through book donations and encouraging leaders in the community to volunteer and read in local schools," said Shaw. "My hope is that this very small act of providing children their own brand new book to keep, that this will brighten a young reader's day in Henry County in a very tough time."

Courtney Jones, Assistant Superintendent for Early Learning and Innovative Practice, continues to be in awe of the continued support for students, including the latest donation by Real Leaders Read.

"We have so many students who have now been the recipients of the community's generosity, including that of the Real Leaders Read Initiative", said Jones. "When community members rally to support the academics and growth of our students, everyone benefits in the long run. We could not be more appreciative of this generosity."

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