



 A Mentor Initiative by Bay District Schools -"Lifting Our Kids to New Heights"

Our Vision: Elevate Bay exists to support and encourage the at-risk children of Bay District Schools. The children of OUR community are facing challenges like never before and we believe that once you are fully aware — you will want to stand with us also!

Our Why:

- 61.5 % of our school population qualifies for free or reduced lunch
- 1,047 homeless students were serviced last year alone by BDS
- 70% of youths in state run facilities come from a fatherless home
- 1,667 weekend food bags are provided each week to local students

Our Goal: to provide 1,000 mentors in our schools by 2018! We know this is a lofty goal but we believe in YOU—our community! With your investment of time and energy into our children, we expect we can achieve great things including improved test scores, reduced disciplinary referrals and increased attendance days. With the extra push—OUR students will want to come to school, believe in themselves, and meet higher expectations in every area of life.

The next step:

Contact Stacey Legg (Mentor Initiative Specialist)

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"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story."

- John Shipp

What Can You Do:

- Classroom Mentor—
 working in a specific
 classroom in small groups
 for academic /behavioral
 support for the students.
- One-on-One Mentor—
 working primarily with one
 student focusing on specific
 needs.
- <u>Lunch Buddy</u>—join either a group/class during the lunch time to be that extra support they need outside of the classroom.

Minimal Commitment, Immeasurable Impact!