

# ELEVATE Bay



- 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:

- 5,824 homeless students being served currently (up from 1,503 last year)
- 1,413 students (K-5) have transferred schools within BDS post Hurricane Michael at least once. 161 have transferred two or more times!
- 1,407 weekend food bags are provided each week to local students

## Our Current Status:

- 56 percent reduction in active mentors since Hurricane Michael
- 12 different Bay County elementary/middle schools with waiting lists
- 20% of mentor force lost entirely

**Our Next Step:** Following Hurricane Michael, our goal is "recovery" like most other businesses and organizations in our area. Our most immediate goal is to recruit enough mentors to get back to our pre-storm mentor number of 595! 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 are certain we can achieve great things despite our especially challenging statistics. We know OUR students will respond to this level of support! They can & will rise to the challenges and meet higher expectations in every area of life.

## YOUR next step:

Contact Stacey Legg, Mentor Initiative Specialist  
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**Minimal Commitment, Immeasurable Impact!**

*"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.
- **Lunch Buddy**—join either a group/class during the lunch time to be that extra support they need outside of the classroom.