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# Santa Monica Education Foundation Celebrates Start of School Year with \$25,000 Match from Kilroy Realty

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The Santa Monica Education Foundation is starting off the school year with an exciting match from Kilroy Realty. This \$25,000 match will run through August 30, 2022. Kilroy has been an Ed Foundation Corporate Hero for five consecutive years.

“We are humbled by Kilroy’s incredible generosity. This company continues to show up for our students and for that, we are truly grateful,” said John Baracy, President of the Ed Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Strong schools are an essential part of a strong community, and it all starts with support from donors like Kilroy.”

Donations to the Ed Foundation fund staff and programs at every Santa Monica public school, including elementary arts programs, elementary classroom aides, and stretch grants for each school. Schools use these flexible stretch grants for additional arts, STEM, and health and wellness programs – programs that enhance students’ education. Since the start of the pandemic, many schools have added new social-emotional programs to help students cope with the ongoing effects of COVID-19.

“We hope this match encourages other companies and community members to join us in helping our local public schools,” said Philip Tate, Senior Vice President, Development and Government Affairs at Kilroy Realty. “We are honored to support the Ed Foundation in its mission to provide equity and access to every single student in the Santa Monica public schools. It is critical that we all do our part to champion their education, giving them every opportunity possible.”

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