FIRST AID KIT DONATION
Dick’s Sporting Goods agreed to donate over 150 first aid kits to the Cincinnati Public Schools Athletics Office. We have then made an effort to disperse these kits to every high school and junior high sports team in the district in determination to be proactive when it comes to the health and safety of our student athletes.

BENGALS GEAR & SUPPLIES DONATION
The Cincinnati Bengals have donated a variety of new and used equipment and apparel to the district for our student athletes. From Under Armour and Nike Cleats, to shoulder pads and more, our student athletes have benefited from the Bengals donation by being able to save money while still being safely and properly equipped to play competitive football.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONNECT
District Athletics Manager, Josh Hardin, along with his family and help from an intern, visited Mt. Airy Elementary School to donate school supplies, backpacks, tissues, and more in efforts to create a direct relationship with the youth in Cincinnati. At this visit, Josh connected with an enthusiastic group of young students from Ms. Taylor’s class and also handed out special “CPS Elementary Connect Passes.” Each certificate allows that student and their family one free entry to any CPS High School athletic event for the following week in an effort to get kids excited and engaged with CPS high school sports.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OUTING

After an Arbiter software training session, Josh Hardin took every athletic director in attendance to Top Golf in West Chester to engage in an afternoon of team building. Top Golf was kind enough to give an exclusive tour of their facility as well as provide excellent service while the athletic directors got to know each other and share lunch. The Athletic Directors also discussed a CPS wide golf outing, more details to come soon...

NEW ATHLETICS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Josh Hardin and lead intern, Ricky Miller have jumpstarted a new internship program for the athletics department in the district. The University of Cincinnati along with Xavier University have partnered with CPS to promote our internship program and both schools are leading the way in sending CPS prospects for the internship. Interns that are hired will assist a variety of schools throughout the district in running athletic events as well as focus on marketing and project management for the district as a whole. In addition, we are currently looking to expand and grow our internship program with help from other local colleges.

ATHLETICS MANAGER UPDATE

We are off to a great start to this school year and I have enjoyed getting out and meeting a lot of our ADs, coaches, staff, and students in our district. The best part of getting around is the opportunity to see our diverse school district with so many schools filled with pride and great history. I look forward to being a part of this year’s Hall of Fame Banquet that will be held at Paul Brown Stadium in April, finalized date should be announced soon. Our staff is excited to host our first Scholar Athlete Leadership Conference on October 5 at UC and Hughes HS. Our goal with this conference is to create student leaders who can serve as ambassadors to our elementary students. We plan to develop mentoring relationships that strengthen our scholars’ leadership abilities, while connecting our elementary students to high school role models.

Athletic Directors from across the Cincinnati Public School district get together for an outing at Top Golf in West Chester.
(pictured from L to R: Steve Ellison (Woodward), Don Newberry (Taft), P.J. Pope (Shroder), Ricky Miller (Intern-UC), Paul Brownfield (Aiken), Evan Ivory (Walnut Hills), Josh Hardin (CPS), Brandon Franke (Withrow)

Athletic Directors, Steve Ellison (Woodward) & Evan Ivory (Walnut Hills), joined by CPS intern, Ricky Miller, speak to a class at the University of Cincinnati.