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## **Donated FCCPS trailers arrive in Baton Rouge**

Classroom trailers donated by the Falls Church City School Board are now in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana where they will be used to help ease crowding brought on in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The first shipment of trailers arrived late yesterday afternoon and was set up at Brusly Elementary and High Schools. Photos are available on the West Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools Web site at: <http://www.wbrschools.net/hurricane.htm>. The remaining two classroom trailers are scheduled leave George Mason High School in Falls Church on Monday, October 31. They are expected to reach Louisiana by mid-week.

The West Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools experienced a 16 percent increase in student enrollment in the two weeks following Hurricane Katrina, causing a need for additional classroom space and additional teachers. Louisiana school officials expressed their sincere appreciation for the gift of classroom space and “boxes of love” on board.

“The buildings are very nice and spacious and the “boxes of love” make me know that throughout these tragic events (Katrina and Rita), we, as a people, have put other people first in our lives,” West Baton Rough Superintendent David Carona wrote in an email to Falls Church officials. “I want everyone in Falls Church who has been part of this effort to know just how appreciative we are of your kindness.”

Falls Church City PTA members and students conducted a drive for personal hygiene products to ship to displaced hurricane victims in Louisiana. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School student Halley McKinney called them “boxes of love,” and came up with the idea to include a “love note” in each box wishing displaced hurricane victims well in their recovery efforts. The drive netted 125 boxes of personal care items such as shampoo, soap and toothpaste.

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