

# BACK TO SCHOOL!

School would not be possible without industry. Not only is industry responsible for producing the chemicals that make our school supplies, but industry also contributes million of dollars in property taxes. These taxes enable teachers to have an 8% higher salary than teachers in other states while also contributing to making the school itself the best it can be.

## GAS

Because of gas provided by Phillips 66, CITGO, Marathon, and Shell, students are able to get to and from school safe and sound.

## TECHNOLOGY

How would students or teachers get through the school day without technology? Companies like Methanex and OxyChem produce methanol, chlorine gas, and chlorine trifluoride which are all found in computer screens and other software.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School would not be possible without paper made by Georgia Pacific. Lion Copolymer is one of the world's first synthetic rubber producers, which is used to make rubber bands. Coated paperclips are made out of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), produced by Formosa Plastics. Polyurethane, produced by Albemarle, is found in Elmer's Glue.

## CRAYONS

Coloring makes school enjoyable and gets students' creativity flowing! The wax found in crayons is produced by ExxonMobil.

## DESKS

Where would students sit and work without desks? Cornerstone Chemicals produces melamine, which is a critical component found in desks and other wooden furniture.

## UNIFORMS

Shell Geismar produces mono-ethylene glycol (MEG) which is used to make polyester and Koch Methanol St. James makes methanol which is found in the synthetic fibers BASF produces to make uniforms.

## DISINFECTANTS

Thanks to disinfectants, schools can minimize germs and bacteria that are passed from student to student. Sodium hypochlorite, also known as bleach, is produced at OxyChem. Shell Chemical produces ethyl alcohol which is found in hand sanitizer. CF Industries makes glass cleaner, and Dow Chemical makes Formula 409. So many cleaners produced right here in Louisiana!

## BOOK SACK

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), produced by Shintech Louisiana and Westlake Chemical, is used to create the plastic coating on book sacks. Now students can transport their books and materials to and from school!