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## Pioneer Bank Donates 5,000 Water Bottles to Local Students for the Upcoming School Year

Mankato, MN (September 15, 2020) — Pioneer Bank is pleased to donate 5,000 water bottles to students at area schools for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Due to COVID-19, water fountains in public spaces, such as schools, are not in use, however students are able to carry water bottles with them throughout the school day.

"We were made aware of a need for water bottles in one of our elementary schools," said Pioneer Bank CEO, David Krause. "It was an easy decision to spread this simple but impactful solution to a need amongst all our communities. Pioneer Bank is committed to the communities we serve and supporting the students during these unprecedented times."

Pioneer Bank will be delivering water bottles to schools including many Mankato Area Public Schools—Bridges Community School, Franklin Elementary School, Hoover Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Monroe Elementary School, Rosa Parks Elementary School and Washington Elementary School—along with several other schools including Loyola Catholic School, St. Peter Catholic School, Mt. Olive School, Maple River Schools, Madelia Public Schools, St. Mary's Catholic School, St. James Elementary School, Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial, North and South Elementary Schools in St. Peter and St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran School.

Last month, as part of Pioneer Bank's Bright Project initiative, they accepted school supplies and cash donations for area students in need, August 10-21. Thank you to all that donated to help make an impact in many communities. For more information on The Bright Project visit <a href="https://www.bankwithpioneer.com/">https://www.bankwithpioneer.com/</a>.

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Pioneer Bank is a community bank with nine locations throughout southern Minnesota including Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, St. Peter, Madelia, Mapleton, Lewisville and Lake Crystal. Pioneer Bank offers expertise in personal, business and agribusiness banking with bankers and staff that provide experience that is unparalleled. Pioneer Bank is very active in the communities they serve and was a finalist in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 for the Extraordinary Banking Award, a national organization that marks the excellence for the best banks in America. In addition, Pioneer Bank has been named one of the 2018 and 2020 Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune. For more information visit www.bankwithpioneer.com. Member FDIC.