



Parking Amnesty Program

Amnesty Program - Parking Citation Debt

- ❑ There is approximately \$284K in citation debt over 90 days past due; \$220K of that over 2 years. This older debt has proven difficult to collect over the years.
- ❑ The City is set to utilize the State's Local Debt Recovery Program, aka IDROP – to augment collection efforts on this debt.
- ❑ Prior to IDROP initiation, the City proposes an amnesty program whereby debtors are incented to pay by offering a discount on the amount owed, and a commitment to utilize a portion of the payments for the benefit of a local charity = The Back 2 School Alliance. This presents a win for the resident/debtor, the City, and the Community.



Amnesty Program – Parameters and Details

- ❑ Eligible Parking Citation Debt: Debt that is 90 days past due
- ❑ Debt Forgiveness: 50% of eligible debt
- ❑ Program Effective Dates: July 15 through August 15
- ❑ Payment Process: Payments must be paid by calling or visiting the City Customer Service Hub:
 - ❑ Address: 115 E. Washington St., Suite 103
 - ❑ Phone: (309) 434-2329
- ❑ Per Citation Financials: Adjusting for the collection agency and other late fees, the City will retain approximately \$4 of the original \$10 citation amount – after donating \$2 to the Back 2 School Alliance. There are approximately 7,000 citations 90 days past due.



Amnesty Program – Back 2 School Alliance (back2schoolalliance.org)

Who We Are

Back 2 School Alliance (BTSA) is a group of volunteers and community partners dedicated to supporting students in need. Since 1999, we have been working hand in hand with Bloomington District 87, Normal Unit 5, and Illinois Prairie Community Foundation to bring kids and community together by putting backpacks and school supplies into the hands of the children who need them most.

The Need

It is hard to believe, but about 1 in 3 students in Bloomington-Normal schools qualify for a free or reduced lunch at school. There are approximately 5,500 K-8 eligible students and 1,700 eligible students in grades 9-12.

Our Mission

The Back to School (BTSA) program exists to encourage and reward completion of public school registration and any school mandated medical and immunization requirements by parents for qualifying within District 87 or Unit 5 schools ahead of the beginning of the school year, so students have the supplies they need to begin school on day ONE.

BTSA seeks to promote awareness of available resources to families in our community who support health, education, and social service organizations, and government initiatives.

Our Goals

It's about the kids

- Helping them get off to a good start when school begins
- Putting the most basic tools in their hands to help them achieve success in their education
- Creating a positive experience as they start the school year

