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HELLO WORLD



The Education Division at SRI International provides support to help align curriculums, instructions, technology and assessments. Projects include: evaluating the impact of teachers' participation to achieve high standards in mathematics, reviewing blended learning models that combine teacher-led and online instruction and assessing how teachers and students are using the online Khan Academy. For example, the Gates Foundation, one of Khan's biggest funders, commissioned a SRI International study on what works. Researchers conducted a two-year study of 70 teachers in 20 California schools, choosing sites that serve mostly low-income students. Participating schools included both public and charter schools and spanned the K-12 range. Other notable projects are: 21st Century Learning Design, Alternate Assessment Design-Math and Reading, and Bridging the Valley. Putting learning into action, SRI routinely hires Student Associates and also reaches out into the community helping with student robot clubs.

Continuing that outreach, SRI Staff Activities works with the local Family Giving Tree. This organization provides backpacks and school supplies to children in low-income neighborhoods. During July, many SRI employees took backpack flyers from various bulletin boards throughout the SRI campus and generously donated school supplies and backpacks. One principal commented: "With backpacks and supplies, the first day of school is a day of no worries. It is important when they wake up that they feel prepared for school. The kids are so excited. The parents are so thankful." THANK YOU! For those of you who haven't had a chance or missed the flyer, you can still go online and sponsor a child's backpack by visiting www.FamilyGivingTree.org.

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