

# Littleton Public Schools

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## PACE Partnerships: Littleton Students Make Deliveries to Support the Community



*Great Road Nutrition Owner Rita Biagioni, left, stands with Littleton PACE participant Kyle Musomba. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*

LITTLETON — Superintendent Kelly Clenchy would like to share that Littleton students in the District's Personalized Academic and Comprehensive Education (PACE) program have been participating in many vocational opportunities this year, including making deliveries throughout the community

The Personalized Academic and Comprehensive Education (PACE) program assists Littleton students with disabilities aged 18-22 in preparing for the transition from school to post-school life. Participants focus on a variety of transition skills including functional reading and math, independent living skills, activities of daily living, and vocational skills.

One of the program's many community partnerships includes a variety of delivery services provided by students to members of the community. Students sort and deliver mail at all District schools, the post office and the District's central office three days each week. Once a month, the transition students do nurse deliveries, where they hand out an order form for all the school nurses to see what supplies they need for their offices, go to the store to shop for the items, and deliver them by hand.

In addition to these delivery jobs, the transition students teamed up with Great Road Nutrition in Littleton to provide delivery services of teas or shakes to staff in each school.

The partnership assists Littleton's school staff by providing a free delivery service while supplying students with a new connection in their community. Additionally, students gain more work experience and a new set of skills to add to their vocational repertoire.

Great Road Nutrition has also invited transition students to participate in community events like 'Smoothie With A Cop,' where police officers and members of the community gathered together to enjoy refreshments and show their appreciation for one another.

"Great Road Nutrition's owner Rita Biagioni is always welcoming to our students," said Transition Coordinator Catherine Johnson. "Community partnerships like this one with Great Road Nutrition assist our students to build their vocational skills that they will take with them for life after high school."

Biagioni said: "Great Road Nutrition is so grateful to partner with the Transition Classroom students and the program. We look forward to seeing them each day. Their positive attitude, friendly smiles, and willingness to help are a welcome addition to our daily routine, and we're partnering to provide a valuable service to the various schools, teachers, staff, and central office."

*The PACE Partnerships series features stories surrounding the community partnerships of Littleton's Transition Program, in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.*

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*Andre McQuade makes a bubble tea delivery from Great Road Nutrition to staff at Russell Street School. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*

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