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### **Rep. Fritchey to Provide Backpacks to Area Students** *Youth Foundation to Assist Hundreds of Kids*

**Chicago** – State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) today announced that he once again teaming up with Office Depot to provide backpacks to area school children. With the generous support of the Office Depot Foundation, the John Fritchey Youth Foundation is poised to donate 200 backpacks to local families before the upcoming school year.

“In these tough times, I am especially happy to be able to provide assistance to hundreds of our local students,” said Rep. Fritchey. “These backpacks will give our children the necessary tools to begin a successful school year and will help lighten the financial load on many families. I am happy that the Office Depot Foundation has again selected the John Fritchey Youth Foundation to be a recipient and I look forward to distributing these backpacks throughout the community.”

The Office Depot Foundation has been donating backpacks to local non-profit organizations and schools since 2001. This year they are celebrating their 2 millionth backpack donation.

“By placing backpacks containing essential school supplies into the hands of deserving children...the Office Depot Foundation is giving them important tools that they need to start school with confidence—and helping them to enhance their success during the year,” stated Lori Ritter, Public Relations Coordinator for the Foundation.

Almost a decade ago, State Representative Fritchey created the **John Fritchey Youth Foundation**, designed to create educational and recreational opportunities for local children through the sponsorship of academic and sports programs.