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**Camden City School District Launches Fall Boost Enrichment Program with
Scholastic Extended Learning Powered by BellXcel
2020 Grant to Support Learning for Over 1,300 Scholars**

(Camden, NJ) – The Camden City School District in collaboration with BellXcel, a national nonprofit that partners with schools and youth organizations to license its evidence-based, all-in-one solution for K–8 summer and afterschool programming, and Scholastic, the global children’s publishing, education, and media company, has launched *Scholastic Extended Learning Powered by BellXcel*. This remote fall enrichment program for K–8 scholars combines curriculum from Scholastic with evidence-based strategies and best practices from BellXcel to offer a balanced approach to learning. Beginning September 14, scholars will have access to after school programming that integrates math, ELA, and STEAM learning with a focus on social-emotional learning, and physical wellness.

“In these unprecedented times, we are seeing organizations step up to support Camden scholars and families,” said State District Superintendent Katrina McCombs. “Providing additional academic support is more important than ever. We are excited to team up with Scholastic and BellXcel to improve the academic outcomes of our scholars.”

Expanding access to high-quality education into the fall supports the District’s priority of *Accelerating Student Achievement*. Camden City School District was the recipient of a 2020 Summer Grant, which includes all remote program materials, tools, and resources at no cost. The 7-week program will keep scholars actively engaged through a variety of engaging learning activities and will help the District in continuing to close the achievement gap.

“We’re thrilled to work with BellXcel to ensure that all Camden City School District scholars have access to the critical academic and social-emotional resources and support they need right now to grow as confident learners, and continue to build their skills throughout the school year,” said Michael Haggen, Chief Academic Officer, Scholastic Education.

More information about Camden City School District’s virtual fall boost program, please visit www.camden.k12.nj.us.

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