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Camden Superintendent Goes Door-to-Door to Grow Participation in Free Summer Enrichment Program

Camden City School District to offer free enrichment and recreation program to 1000 + kids this summer

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – This morning Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard joined Deputy Superintendent Katrina McCombs and a District parent engagement specialist to encourage families to enroll their children in one of the City’s free, all-day summer enrichment programs. Programs are available for students ages 3 through 18, and offer free breakfast and lunch, as well as transportation.

Now in its fourth year, the District’s all-day summer program is available to any rising first through 8th grader in the City, no matter where they attend school the rest of the year. For middle and high schoolers, advanced enrichment courses and credit recovery are available at Woodrow Wilson High School. Preschoolers, Bilingual students, and those who receive special education services are also able to take advantage of summer programs specifically for them. All students attending a summer program in a District school this summer will receive free breakfast and lunch.

Finally, the District is offering summer job opportunities to 35 teenagers, who will work in a school helping with administration or running one of the summer programs. Job applications are available on the District website and through school guidance counselors.

The team greeted families in Camden’s Chelton Terrace neighborhood, where they signed up students for summer program directly through the District’s SmartPhone app. Last year the District’s summer programs served over 1,000 young people from the City. Through door-knocking, social media, and school communications, the District hopes even more student will participate this year.

“The summer break is a great way for students and teachers to recharge their batteries, but our students cannot afford to fall behind,” said Superintendent Rouhanifard. “We are encouraging families to take advantage of one of our free, all-day summer programs to give their kids a safe place to learn, play, and grow all summer long.”

“We know that summer slide has a more profound effect on students in high needs, urban Districts like ours,” added Deputy Superintendent Katrina McCombs. “We are committed to keeping our students engaged in learning all summer as a critical step toward closing the achievement gap and helping Camden students achieve their fullest potential.”

Families can apply to the summer program at www.camden.k12.nj.us/summerprogram. Summer job applications are available at www.camden.k12.nj.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=340877&pageId=3777478

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