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PRESS RELEASE

Superintendent Announces Comprehensive Summer Learning Opportunities for Thousands of Students

Jobs, Academic Programs, Enrichment Programs Available Through District-Community Partnerships

May 29, 2014--Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today announced a wide variety of summer learning opportunities that will benefit thousands of students through partnerships between the District and community organizations. With the District Summer School Program, partner-led enrichment opportunities, and the District Summer Jobs for Students Program, Camden families have high-quality options that will help students stay safe and prevent summer learning loss.

“Students need to grow and progress year-round, and these summer learning opportunities will help move thousands of students forward academically and socially,” Rouhanifard said. “I encourage all parents to enroll their children in one of these enriching opportunities.”

The District Summer School Program will operate in select schools from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and will run for five weeks, from Monday, July 7-Friday, August 8, 2014. Breakfast and lunch will be served each day during summer programming, and free busing will be provided for students who are not attending their home school site. The program is available to all interested students rising to grades K-8 and is expected to serve several thousand students. High school-age students have the opportunity to participate in credit recovery programs or in enrichment programs that will be led by the specialized high schools.

In addition, more than a half-dozen community organizations, including the YMCA of Burlington and Camden Counties, the New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences, and the nationally acclaimed North Camden Little League, are partnering with the District to offer enrichment opportunities in schools that students can attend at the end of the District Summer School Program. The North Camden Little League, which was founded by community leader Bryan Morton, recently gained national attention through profiles in [GQ magazine](#) and [MSNBC](#).

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“Students need to be safe, especially during the summer, and the North Camden Little League is extremely excited to partner with the District to bring positive, meaningful change,” Morton said. “Baseball can change lives, and we need as much time with these youths as possible.”

According to research cited by the [National Summer Learning Association](#), many students lose about two months of proficiency in math and reading during the summer, with drops especially prevalent about low-income youths. Access to summer learning opportunities can be a critical lever in ensuring students are prepared academically for the following school year.

Lastly, the District is also providing dozens of valuable professional opportunities through the Summer Jobs for Students Program. Any student age 14-19 who lives in Camden City, including recent graduates who are current college students, is eligible to apply to the program, which will feature developmental training opportunities. For an application, students should see their guidance counselor or visit the Office of Human Resources at 201 N. Front Street, 6th floor.

In order to serve as many students as possible, the deadline for students to apply to the District Summer Jobs for Students Program has been extended to Friday, May 30, and families are still able to speak with their principal about the Summer School Program. Students should contact their principal or guidance counselor for additional information.

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