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Dear Parents and Guardians:

With summer break rapidly approaching, I would like to inform you about positive programs available for children through the School District of Philadelphia, city agencies and local non-profit organizations.

The School District's Summer Programs (<u>www.philasd.org/summerprograms</u>) website includes information about academic enrichment activities, programs sponsored by community partners and reading lists for students in pre-kindergarten through 11th grade. You can find details about the following:

- City of Philadelphia Youth Programs (www.phila.gov/youthprograms) Have a "Fun, Safe Philly Summer" with free or low-cost summer programming. Through our collaboration with the City of Philadelphia, summer camps will operate at many of our schools. Free summer meals are also available to children ages 18 and under. Visit www.phillysummermeals.com or call 311 to find the nearest summer meals site.
- ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships (www.phillyasap.org) Many afterschool programs will be operating summer programs. For details, click on "Directory." Program information will be specific to the school year, so contact the sites directly to get information about summer offerings.
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey (www.211sepa.org) provides an online directory with information about summer programs. You can access the listing at www.nj211.org/sepa/images/SummerCampActivityPrograms2013.pdf. If you do not have Internet access, please contact 2-1-1 or 866-964-7922 for assistance.

We urge you to begin making plans now, as many programs enroll participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Please share this information with friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

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