



Press Release

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MUSD's Seamless Summer Food Service Program to Offer Meals to Students in the Community

MONTEBELLO – From now until July 25, The Montebello Unified School District is now offering the Seamless Summer Food Service Program during summer vacation for local children who are 1 to 18 years old. The program is designed to continue providing nutritious meals free of charge to children who come from low-income communities when school is not in session.

"This program is vital in providing assistance to families who may struggle financially," said MUSD Board of Education President David Vela. "Our community works hard to make ends meet, and we are proud to be able to offer this option even during the summer months."

Childhood food insecurity remains at unacceptable levels across the country and children are mostly acutely at risk in the summer months when they do not have access to school meals.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) operates summer meal programs to address this problem. Through MUSD's participation, the program is helping to ensure that those same children do not go hungry in the summer.

The Seamless Summer Option combines features of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Summer Food Service Program. This option reduces paperwork and administrative burden to make it easier for schools to feed children from low-income areas during the traditional summer vacation periods.

"As educators, one of our priorities is ensuring our students have access to proper nutrition," said MUSD Superintendent of Schools Cleve Pell. "We thank our Nutrition Services Department and the USDA for working together to allow us to offer this option to our community's children."

For more information on this program or its serving times, please call the MUSD Nutrition Services Department at (323) 887-7978.

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Dates, locations and serving sites for breakfast and/or lunch are as follows:

June 23 - July 25, 2014

Bell Gardens High School
6119 Agra Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Montebello High School
2100 W. Cleveland Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Schurr High School
820 Wilcox Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

June 30 - July 25, 2014

Greenwood Elementary School
900 S. Greenwood Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Bell Gardens Intermediate School
5841 Live Oak Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Applied Technology Center
1200 Mines Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Rosewood Park School
2352 S. Commerce Way
Commerce, CA 90040

Eastmont Intermediate School
400 S. Bradshaw Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Vail High School
1230 S. Vail Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Laguna Nueva School
6360 Garfield Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040

Montebello Intermediate School
1600 Whittier Boulevard
Montebello, CA 90640

July 1 - July 25, 2014

Bell Gardens Elementary School
5620 Quinn Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

La Merced Intermediate School
215 E. Avenida de la Merced
Montebello, CA 90640

Suva Elementary School
6740 E. Suva Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Cesar Chavez Elementary School
6139 Loveland Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Wilcox Elementary School
816 Donna Way
Montebello, CA 90640

Macy Intermediate School
2101 Lupine Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Montebello Park Elementary School
6300 Northside Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Winter Gardens Elementary School
1277 S. Clela Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Suva Intermediate School
6660 E. Suva Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

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