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PRESS RELEASE

Camden parents go back to school for District's free skill-building summer courses

Revamped District summer program will help parents build workplace and English language skills

July 14, 2014--Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today kicked off a new season of summer learning opportunities for Camden parents. For the first time, courses that teach basic computer skills, job development training, parenting tips, and English as a Second Language (ESL) are available to parents on-site at the Parent Center. The new courses are being offered alongside the long-standing and ever-popular home improvement program.

From learning how to email and use Microsoft Office to developing a Career Action Plan and writing a resume, Camden parents now have the opportunity to further invest in their futures by training with some of the City's finest teachers.

In addition, the District is offering its first-ever ESL class for parents this summer. As the City's Hispanic population continues to expand, the new course will teach basic English language skills, with a focus on academic language that will help parents get more involved in their children's education.

"Learning never stops, not for students and not for their parents," Superintendent Rouhanifard said. "After spending a great deal of time speaking with parents over the last year, we have rethought these programs to give Camden families access to meaningful skill-building opportunities.

"For too long the District has let families down by not giving parents the tools and guidance they need to help their children succeed in school. This program marks a major step forward in our effort to empower parents.

"Language and technology skills make it possible for parents to better communicate with teachers, to help more with their kids' homework, and to play a bigger role in their child's school and education."

The Parent Summer Academy runs from July 14 – August 22, and seats are still available for interested Camden parents.

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Parents interested in enrolling in a Summer Academy course or learning more about continuing education in Camden should call Charla Sinclair on (856) 966-2805, ext 38620 or visit the District Parent Center at 800 Erie St. in Camden.

See below for the Summer Parent Academy's detailed course offering.

Notes to editors

Representatives from community organizations and parents participating in the Summer Parent Academy are available for interview upon request.

Camden's parent-focused programming complements a full schedule of summer activities for students, which run from July 7 – August 8. These include:

- Summer Jobs for Students Program: 100 high school and college students will gain valuable professional experience working across the Central Office this summer
- 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 for students in grades K-8.
- 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.

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