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PRESS RELEASE

District increases parent access, launches Camden Parent Partnership with the Center For Family Services

Superintendent, Office of the Mayor announce the Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center as home to the first of four new District parent centers

August 28, 2014—Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard joined Center For Family Services (CFS) President Richard Stagliano and Camden Business Administrator Robert Corrales Thursday afternoon to announce the launch of the first Camden Parent Partnership, delivering on Promise 4: Serving Parents, in the [Camden Commitment](#), the District's strategic plan.

A joint effort between the District and CFS, The Camden Parent Partnership at The Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center is the first of four neighborhood parent centers the District expects to open with community partners across the City this school year.

Designed to give Camden parents more resources to help their children succeed in school, the Camden Parent Partnership will offer education-focused programming to complement the Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center's existing range of wraparound family support services.

The new partnership will give Camden parents a full-service District Help Desk to support with school-related matters, including enrollment and issue resolution. Together with the Center For Family Services, the District will also offer parenting support; adult education; career readiness; and referral services to the parents and families of Camden students.

All Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center staff will receive training from the District. This will ensure visiting parents receive relevant and accurate advice, information, and referrals about school issues and education-related support. The training, programming, and referrals offered all aim to help parents prepare their children to succeed in school.

"Successful schools are built on solid partnerships between parents, schools, and our Congress of Resident, Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations," Mayor Dana Redd said in a statement. "The City is working with the District and our community to do all we can to empower Camden parents in supporting their children's education."

“The Camden Parent Partnership sites go far in helping fulfill our promise to better serve Camden’s parents,” said Rouhanifard. “Through partnerships with trusted community resources like The Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center, parents no longer have to come to us at the central office—we can begin meeting parents where they are. We share the Center’s belief that holistic support for parents and families is the foundation of a child’s ability to succeed in school.”

“We believe in the ability of each child to succeed and value parent involvement in fostering success in school. Working collectively with the Camden City School District, the Camden Parent Partnership will equip parents with the tools and resources to put children on the path to success in school and in life. This collaboration advances our work in strengthening communities and creating neighborhoods of opportunity where children and families can thrive and succeed,” said Richard Stagliano, President/CEO of Center For Family Services.

Please [visit our website](#) or email FACE@camden.k12.nj.us for the initial schedule of programs available to families through the Camden Parent Partnership at the Promise Neighborhood Family Success Center.

To learn more about what Camden parents want from their children’s schools, please review the summary of the District’s recent [Let’s Talk about Great Schools](#) community feedback campaign.

The Camden City School District’s 2014-15 school year begins on Tuesday, September 2. Today’s announcement is part of the District’s back to school campaign – the Great Schools Kickoff. Over the next week, the Superintendent, District staff, and the District’s Advisory Board of Education are meeting parents, teachers, and students to make sure families and schools are well-prepared for a successful and productive school year. To learn more about the Superintendent’s back to school itinerary, please contact the District Office of Communications.

For images, b-roll, interviews with Camden parents, or additional information, contact Maita Soukup from the Camden City School District Office of Communications at: msoukup@camden.k12.nj.us.

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