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# **Superintendent, Partners Announce Summer Learning Opportunities for More than 1,000 City Youth**

*Expanded programs to offer dozens more hours of instructional time; 50 paid internships available*

**April 26, 2016** – Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard joined students, families, educators, and community partners this afternoon to announce a suite of summer learning opportunities that will make enriching experiences available to more than 1,000 Camden students.

From pre-k students to college students home for break, there are a wide range of opportunities for Camden students to work, learn, and play this summer.

Hundreds of students currently in grades K-7 will be able to participate in a newly expanded academic enrichment opportunity that focuses on increasing math and literacy proficiency. Rather than ending at 12:30 p.m., students will attend District summer programming from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. On Fridays, students will have access to City recreational programming through a partnership with the administration of Mayor Redd. Students will receive breakfast and lunch each day.

“Our students deserve every chance to be successful, and this expanded academic offering gives students additional opportunities to stay safe and keep learning over the summer,” said Superintendent Rouhanifard.

Students currently in grade 8 will be able to participate in a Summer Bridge program to support the transition to high school. Students already in high school will be able to participate in credit recovery, which will help students stay on track to graduation.

All relevant programmatic information can be found on a specially designed webpage, [www.camden.k12.nj.us/summerprogram](http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/summerprogram). Families can also register their child for District summer programming or credit recovery on this page, which is the first time an online application has been available.

In addition, the District’s summer youth employment program will return to train, coach, and support 50 current middle and high school students in paid internships. A team of current college students who graduated from Camden high schools will coordinate the program.

The District is also continuing to work with partners including Urban Promise and the Center for Aquatic Sciences to make District facilities available for community programming.

“We welcome all students to participate in a summer learning opportunity,” Rouhanifard said, “and prepare for the next school year by avoiding summer learning loss. We have programs for bilingual students, special education students, students who are struggling with their classes, and students who are looking to improve their career readiness. I encourage all families to review the programs and register today.”

For pre-k students, the Early Childhood Development Center offers its own summer program. Interested families can contact the school directly at 856-966-4171.

District summer programming begins Wednesday, July 6 and runs through Friday, August 5. The priority application deadline is Friday, May 13, with space available on a first come, first served basis.

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