



Eddie A. Perez
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CITY SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM EXTENDED
MAYOR SAYS IMPORTANT TO BRIDGE GOOD HEALTH WITH
HEALTHY START OF SCHOOL YEAR

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(August 20, 2009)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez and Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services are pleased that an arrangement has been worked out to extend the summer lunch program for one more week in order to help ensure Hartford families that their youngsters will have access to healthy food until the start of school.

Lunch will be provided every day from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following six facilities:

1. Brackett Park, Westland Street (Northeast neighborhood)
2. Colt Park, 106 Wethersfield Avenue (Sheldon-Charter Oak neighborhood)
3. Goodwin Park, South Street and Maple Avenue (South End)
4. Pope Park North, Putnam and Burns Street (Frog Hollow neighborhood)
5. Sigourney Park, Sigourney Street (Asylum Hill neighborhood)
6. South End/Columbus Park, Metzner Center, 680 Franklin Avenue (South End)

Mayor Perez says, "Summer is winding down and the new school year is gearing up. It is essential that we provide a healthy food option to connect the fun and positive learning from the summer to the strong academic foundation they are building in school. Healthy food choices mean sharp minds and we want our kids to be eager to learn and absorb all their new educational concepts with energy and vigor."

"Hunger does not take a summer vacation. The summer lunch program helped countless children access nutritious meals. With this extension, we are helping our children and youth to concentrate on getting ready to learn," stated Carlos Rivera, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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