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LAUSD TO OFFER LIMITED SUMMER PROGRAMS

Budget Cuts Force Cancellations and Adaptations

Los Angeles—Due to the continuing budgetary challenges facing the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), some of the summer programs traditionally offered have been cancelled. However, LAUSD will offer limited classes and support services including assorted online summer school courses, a summer enrichment program at several elementary and middle schools, and a community food program. Also, LAUSD will provide families with a variety of age appropriate links to available online resources designed to keep youngsters actively and academically engaged during the summer months. In addition, some individual schools will offer summer or transition programs for select students.

Summer School

Beginning July 7, summer school will be offered at the high school level specifically for students who failed classes and require credit recovery. Students who need to make up credits are required to register with their respective school counselor. High school online classes (limited to credit recovery) will also be available through a virtual summer school program offered by the LAUSD's City of Angels School. Additionally, eighth grade middle school students who have failed algebra may enroll in summer school. To learn more, visit <http://btb.lausd.net> or contact your local school site.

Summer Enrichment Programs

LAUSD's Beyond the Bell Branch will operate Summer Enrichment Programs at 186 elementary and middle schools during the 2010 summer vacation period. The programs, funded under the State's "After School Education and Safety Program," will provide daily activities Monday through Friday beginning July 1.

Each program will include three components—academics, enrichment and fitness. Participation will be limited to students who attend the selected schools.

Program specifics and more information are posted on the LAUSD's Beyond the Bell Branch website: <http://btb.lausd.net>

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Meal Programs

The LAUSD Food Services Division is currently coordinating meal programs at many of the schools that will host Beyond the Bell summer enrichment programs. The LAUSD's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will operate at select schools and serve children between the ages of one and 18. If there are questions regarding the summer meal program, please contact Food Services at 213-241-3366 or visit the website at <http://cafe-la.lausd.net>. A complete listing of schools offering the SFSP will be available at <http://btb.lausd.net>.

Online Resources

The District's Beyond the Bell Branch, in collaboration with the Office of Curriculum and Support Services, will provide a variety of online resources for elementary and middle school students. Websites, instructional materials and worksheets will be accessible from LAUSD's home page (www.lausd.net) and the Beyond the Bell Branch website (<http://btb.lausd.net>). Beginning in July, students and families can access these online resources to reinforce learning and provide a variety of projects and activities to keep youngsters engaged during the summer months.

Special Education Students

The Extended School Year (ESY) program for grades pre-K through 12 will be offered this summer for eligible special education students. In order to qualify by eligibility for these summer classes, attendance must be required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The four-week program, from July 7 through August 3, will be held at select schools; a complete listing of schools is available at <http://btb.lausd.net>.

Transition Programs

In alignment with the LAUSD's vision of empowering individual schools, previously identified schools may offer their own model of summer programming utilizing School Improvement Grant monies. Some schools will offer transition programs to help prepare students moving from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school. Other schools are offering additional summer support classes for targeted students. A list of schools offering their own program is available at <http://btb.lausd.net>. Families are encouraged to contact individual schools for details.

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