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City of Palmdale, Palmdale School District Announce New Summer Lunch Program

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale and the Palmdale School District (PSD) have announced a new free summer lunch program

At a press conference held today at Christ's Church of the Valley in Palmdale, Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford, PSD Superintendent Raul Maldonado and Pastor Darrell Downs announced the details of the program, which will be held Monday through Friday from June 8 to July 31 at eight different locations throughout the City.

The lunches will be available for ages 18 and under. The PSD will provide the lunches which are designed to be healthy, nutritious and tasty.

“So much can be achieved when we as a community come together, form working partnerships and work towards a common goal,” Ledford said. “We’ve seen success time and time again in partnerships that we have in bringing the crime rate down, with the Palmdale Sheriff’s Department, City staff, and our residents teaming up for community based enforcement. We’re enjoying the many fruits of the relationships we have with Rossie Johnson and AV Youth Build and other groups, where they are transforming lives through and helping through their school and the new Palmdale Dream Center. Today, we see the power of collaboration once more in this new summer school lunch collaboration which will take place at eight locations throughout our city, and will address a need in our community in a very creative and effective way.”

“The Palmdale School District's partnership with our City is only natural, as we are both working towards the common goal providing the best for our community,” said Maldonado. “As we continue to build what we are calling the ‘Palmdale Promise,’ our plan for achieving student success, we look forward to many more opportunities to work together with the City and other community organizations. There are so many great things happening in Palmdale, this is just one example. All of them are coming about thanks to dedicated people working towards making our great community even better. We're proud to be a part of it.”

The lunches will be served, Monday through Friday, June 8 through July 31, at the following locations in Palmdale:

11:15 am – 12:45 pm – Christ's Church of the Valley, 2714 E. Ave. R

11:30 am – 1 pm – Tumbleweed Neighborhood House, 1129 E. Ave. R

11:45 am – 1:15 pm – Joshua Hills Park, 2020 Fairfield Drive

11:45 am – 1:15 pm – Yucca Neighborhood House, 503 E. Ave. Q-3

12 noon – 1:30 pm – Yellen School, 37015 Golden View Way

12 noon – 1:30 pm – Summerwind School, 39360 Summerwind Drive

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm – Domenic Massari Park, 37716 55th St. East

12:30 pm – 2 pm – Manzanita Neighborhood House, 38627 32nd St. E.

“We're honored to be a partner in this new program in our community,” said Downs. “To have 300 kids on our campus in a safe environment enjoying nutritious lunches is exciting.”

For more information on the summer lunch program, please call the Palmdale School District at 661/266-7280 or the City of Palmdale's Neighborhood Services Department at 661/267-5126.

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