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Mayor de Blasio and DYCD Commissioner Chong Tour Middle School Summer Enrichment Programs

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On July 14, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Bill Chong visited the Summer Enrichment program at I.S. 318 Eugenio Maria de Hostos School in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The Mayor toured the chess, music academy, and dance programs provided in partnership with the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF).

This summer, the City is providing middle school students access to free, high-quality Summer Enrichment programs for more than 34,000 students, twice as many as last year. The programs, reflecting the kinds of offerings to be part of the City's expanded afterschool program for middle school students, began on July 1st and run through August 29th. Enrollment is ongoing to accommodate summer vacation and summer school plans.

"This summer, the City is being transformed into a 'learning playground' for tens of thousands of students," said Commissioner Chong. "By hosting these high quality programs, school principals

and community-based organizations are cultivating curiosity in our young people and exposing them to different ways of learning outside of the traditional school year."

The expansion of Summer Enrichment programs and afterschool programs is part of an unprecedented \$145 million FY15 investment to increase instructional and safe opportunities for students during out-of-school hours as they go through the challenging years of middle school.

For enrollment information, families and students can visit www.nyc.gov/summer for a list of local providers to contact, or call 311 or DYCD Youth Connect at 1-800-246-4646.

Summer is Here! DYCD Releases the 2014 NYC Youth Guide to Summer Fun



NEW YORK—Published annually by DYCD, The New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun is a broad citywide calendar of family-oriented events and resources. The vast compilation includes activities that range from the artistic to the athletic, from the literary to the musical, and can be enjoyed at indoor and outdoor locations — most for free or at low cost. The guide also includes a list of all public swimming pools and barbeque sites at public parks, as well as a comprehensive section on "Museum Deals" within the City.

[Download the Summer Fun Guide](#)

"Clean Streets = Clean Beaches" Anti-Littering Campaign Launched by NYC and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Educational Initiative Aims to Improve Cleanliness and Aesthetics of City Beaches by Reducing Littering on Streets and in Parks • **Summer Youth Employment Program** Will Spearhead Cleanups of Waterfront Properties



NEW YORK—On July 8, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Emily Lloyd, Sanitation Commissioner (DSNY) Kathryn Garcia, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Clean Water Director Joan Leary Matthews, Parks Department Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Kevin Jeffrey and Department of Youth and Community Development's Senior Director for Youth Employment Programs Andre White launched "Clean Streets = Clean Beaches", a public information campaign and beach clean-up program aimed at improving the cleanliness and aesthetics of New York City beaches by reducing littering. When it rains, trash and debris discarded on city streets and sidewalks washes down storm drains and can end up on beaches. This summer, "Clean Streets = Clean Beaches" posters will be displayed at area beaches and on approximately 2,000 Sanitation vehicles citywide. In addition, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will join with the Department of Youth and Community Development to clean trash and debris from waterfront properties throughout the five boroughs. DEP will also be giving away thousands of reusable tote bags at city beaches throughout the summer that people can use instead of disposable plastic bags that can end up on the streets. The program was launched at MCU Park in Coney Island, home of the Brooklyn Cyclones, where staff distributed "Clean Streets = Clean Beaches" flyer toys to approximately 5,000 children attending the Cyclones game from area day camps and the City's Summer Youth Employment Program.

"DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is providing jobs to more than 47,000 teens and young adults this summer, the highest number in five years," said Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong. "By beautifying our waterfront properties as part of the "Clean Streets = Clean Beaches" initiative, nearly two hundred of this summer's SYEP participants are learning the value of hard work, giving back to their communities, and sprucing up the city for all to enjoy."

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