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Summer Learning Grabs the Spotlight in California and Across the Country

TIME Magazine cover story brings national attention to summer learning while members of California's Legislative Task Force on Summer visit an LA's BEST program

The Case Against Summer Vacation

The August 2, 2010 issue of TIME Magazine features a cover story on the importance of summer learning and enrichment, titled, "The Case Against Summer Vacation." This insightful article discusses summer slide and the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income students that results from summer learning loss.

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Senators Mark DeSaulnier and Gil Cedillo of the Summer Task Force Visit Leo Politi Elementary in Los Angeles

Last Friday, July 29, **Senator Mark DeSaulnier**, Chair of the **Legislative Task Force on Summer and Intersession Enrichment**, Task Force Member **Senator Gil Cedillo**, and **Assemblymember Kevin de Leon** accompanied Partnership Executive Director Jennifer Peck on a visit to LA's BEST's summer learning program at Leo Politi Elementary School in downtown Los Angeles.

The legislators got to see students engaged in a reading activity about Amelia Earhardt, learning math through card games, making art with a local professional artist, and learning about science through a mock space exploration. All the guests were served orange juice that was freshly squeezed by the students as part of their nutrition education project. The students participating in this program all come from low-income households and without this program would likely have nowhere else to be in the summer. Instead, they are building their academic skills and having fun for seven weeks in the summer at their local school.

The purpose of the visit was to give the legislators a firsthand view of a high quality summer learning program that's making a real difference in children's lives, and discuss why the state needs to do more to prioritize summer learning programs for low-income children.

- **Learn more** about the [Legislative Task Force on Summer and Interession Enrichment](#) >>



Assemblymember Kevin de Leon, and Senators Gil Cedillo and Mark DeSaulnier (back, l-r) visit the LA's BEST summer learning program at Leo Politi Elementary.

UPDATE: SB 798 (DeSaulnier) Goes to Assembly Appropriations this Week

Senate Bill 798 (DeSaulnier), which would provide much needed

resources for summer learning programs to low-income children, goes before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on **Wednesday, August 4.**

Sponsored by **Partnership for Children and Youth** and authored by **Senator Mark DeSaulnier**, SB 798 seeks to dedicate 15% of California's **21st Century Community Learning Centers** dollars for summer learning and enrichment programs, and place more emphasis on year-round programs.

The 21st CCLC program supports before school, after school and summer programs for children attending schools in low-income communities. The original implementation plan for 21st CCLC did not accommodate the range of needs throughout the year, including services during periods when schools are closed (e.g. vacation periods, intersession).

- **Read** the most recent version of **SB 798 >>**

Register Now for Step Up High School Summit

Early Bird Registration Ends August 15, 2010

The **California Afterschool Network** is excited to host the second annual **High School Summit** on **November 2-4, 2010**. Program administrators, high school after school practitioners and high school principals are encouraged to attend. The Summit will focus on successful strategies for high school after school programs.

The event will be held at the **Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego**. Last year's summit was attended by over 400 statewide and national high school after school practitioners and stakeholders. The Network has worked hard to keep registration costs as low as possible for participants. Register today to make sure your high school team is part of this exciting event.

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