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South Bay Union Honored with Turnip the Beet Award

Award Recognizes Outstanding Summer Meal Program Sponsors

Imperial Beach, CA – The South Bay Union School District has received a Gold *Turnip the Beet* Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These awards recognize outstanding summer meal program sponsors who distinguished themselves with high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and wholesome.

Turnip the Beet award winners are summer meal sponsors who are going above and beyond to ensure their meals are nutritious and appetizing. The winning programs were recognized for serving a variety of vegetables and fruits, serving whole grains and dairy products, and serving culturally-appropriate meals. Nationwide, 15 sponsors received a Gold Award, 66 received a Silver Award, and 37 received a Bronze Award.

South Bay has sponsored the Seamless Summer Feeding Program since 2010. The program offers free meals and snacks to all children up to eighteen years of age. The program is hosted at various school sites, parks, and recreation centers throughout south San Diego. South Bay estimates serving over 12,300 lunches and nearly 7,600 snacks this summer.

Child Nutrition Director Sara Mosburg is proud of this recognition, "South Bay is committed to providing meals to the children in our community to assist those struggling with food insecurity and to ensure that our students return to school healthy, well-nourished, and ready to learn."

This August, South Bay will join the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program, which serves healthy supper meals and snacks to students that participate in the District's Extended Learning Program. These meals will be served free of charge at all District elementary school sites.

About the South Bay Union School District:

The award winning South Bay Union School District proudly serves over 7,500 students in Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and south San Diego. The District is comprised of twelve campuses, including nine K-6 schools, two K-8 charter schools, and one Preschool. South Bay offers several specialized programs including Dual Language, Instrumental Music, Leader in Me, Global Leadership and Empowerment, No Excuses University, Visual and Performing Arts, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy.

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