



## CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK PRESS RELEASE

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### **HUNTINGTON PARK HOSTS “BACK TO SCHOOL” AND HEALTH PAVILION EVENT FOR THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THIS SATURDAY!**

**HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif.** (Saturday, August 17, 2019) The City of Huntington Park in conjunction with the Consulate General of Mexico are hosting a back to school extravaganza and health pavilion. The event will take place at Keller Park, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California 90255, on August 17, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This spectacular gathering is co-sponsored by a variety of entities including: Anthem BlueCross, AltaMed, Curacao, Boost Mobile, Be Social Productions, City of Hope, Cosmerica, Parks Make Life Better, SRE, *Ventanilla de Salud* and the Consulate General of Mexico. The event will include the distribution of backpacks (while supplies last), Spanish textbooks and other crucial school supplies. For the health fair component, there will be free vision and dental checkups and children will have the opportunity to receive a free haircut and nutritional tips.

The community can also obtain information about educational opportunities, consultations and health services.

The City of Huntington Park will also be introducing its new room tailored for the city's popular after school program. The room will contain computers for students to complete their homework and utilize a small yet functional library section. The staff will assist children with their homework and they'll distribute snacks. There will also be a fitness program included in the new after school schedule, as well as arts and crafts and a STEM curriculum. The Huntington Park City Council provided a large flat screen television to promote events, display positive affirmations for the children and to play movies on rainy days.

Mayor Karina Macias enthusiastically commented, "I'm so proud of our City and my colleagues on the City Council for stepping up and providing the space for our revered after school program. It has been a pleasure supporting our youth year after year and this back to school event will provide many students with the needed resources for a fresh start at in the classroom."

City Manager Ricardo Reyes said, "This is a monumental occasion where we provide a wrap around service to the city's school aged children right before class starts. City staff has worked round the clock to make this event a reality."

Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray stated, "This new room will be a completely brand new asset to the children in the community since historically the after school program was held outdoors year round, no matter what the weather was like. Hence, the room in and of itself is a huge step in the right direction."

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