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Dr. Terry Grier
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Dear Dr. Grier:

You are invited to view first hand the *Summer Fun Café* (United States Department of Agriculture Seamless Summer Feeding Option) and see how it benefits families in our district. The BBQ kickoff event will be Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at **Skyline Hills Community Park**, 8285 Skyline Dr., SD 92114, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The kickoff event features:

- San Diego Charger Matt Wilhelm will be event Master of Ceremonies
- Free BBQ for children and their parents
- San Diego Food Bank will distribute free bags of fruits and vegetables
- San Diego Food Bank will pre-screen interested people for Food Stamps
- Z90.3 Radio live broadcast
- Community Care Partners Fair will offer information about a variety of social services to low income families
- Nutrition Decathlon by Network for a Healthy California with lots of prizes
- Inflatable jumper
- Craft tables

The kickoff event is designed to bring community-wide visibility to this very valuable program which is vital for low-income children. The economic crisis has severely strained families and we want to get the message out about how easy it is to access good nutrition during the summer when school lunches through the National School Lunch Program are not available. The program provides free lunches and snacks to children ages 2-18 in neighborhoods where more than 50% of the students qualify for free and reduced-price meals at their schools.

Meals are prepared and delivered to 21 community parks through a partnership with the City of San Diego Department of Park and Recreation. In addition, the *Summer Fun Café* will be located at several SDUSD schools and at MCAS Miramar.

We hope you will be able to join us for the *Summer Fun Café* BBQ kickoff event and be among the community leaders on the forefront of promoting healthy nutrition programs.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Petill
Food Services Director

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