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Jersey City Recreation Expands After School Programming for Kids

Ten Schools Throughout City Now Offering Evening Sports and Activities in Jersey City Public Schools

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Department of Recreation** have expanded the after-school recreation programming this week, beginning Monday April 9th. Ten schools throughout Jersey City will remain open during evening hours to keep students engaged in after school activities and recreational programming.

"We are excited to expand recreation programs and activities to more schools after hours because we know that keeping kids engaged is the best way to encourage learning and keep our City's kids busy," said Mayor Fulop. "In every ward, we are committed to providing opportunities for students in educational facilities that otherwise would be underutilized in the evenings, allowing us to bring sports, games, and educational activities to the kids."

Standard recreation sports such as basketball, bowling, tennis, volleyball, golf, and swimming will be offered, as well as more creative options, including fishing, chess, gymnastics, dance, arts & crafts, and STEM classes.

The expanded recreation programming will take place in the following schools:

WARD A

PS#38 - 339 Stegman Parkway Tues. & Thurs., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

MS#40 - 88 Gates Avenue Mon., Wed. & Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 6pm - 7:15pm Ages 11 - 14, 7:30pm - 9pm

WARD B

PS#39 - 214 Plainfield Avenue Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm PS#23 - 143 Romaine Avenue Mon., Wed. & Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

WARD C

PS#11 - 886 Bergen Avenue Mon., Tues. & Thurs., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9:00pm

PS#6 - 100 St. Paul's Avenue Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

WARD D

PS#27 - 201 North Avenue Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

WARD E

MS#4 - 107 Bright St Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

WARD F

PS#14 - 153 Union Street Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

PS#15 - 135 Stegman Avenue Mon. through Fri., 4pm - 9pm Ages 7 - 10, 4pm - 6pm Ages 11 - 14, 6:15pm - 9pm

Since taking office, the Fulop administration has made expanding recreation a priority, adding over 30 new programs, including hockey, scuba, boxing, cricket, lacrosse, fitness programs, and programs for special needs athletes. The Department has also increased offerings through afterschool programs, partnerships with professional sports organizations and local non-profits, as well as establishing several competitive games, tournaments and travel teams. This year, the

Department of Recreation is committed to enhancing inclusivity with the creation of programs for special needs adults and a sports program for girls.

For more information on any of the above programs, please visit the Recreation Department website at www.cityofjerseycity.com/recreation or contact the Jersey City Recreation Department at 201-547-4537

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