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MAYOR GARCETTI KICKS OFF ‘EARN, LEARN, PLAY’

The initiative provides youth the opportunity to stay engaged over the summer, connecting them to recreational, educational, and employment opportunities

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Garcetti today kicked off ‘Earn, Learn, Play’— a new online platform that connects young people with hundreds of City and County recreational, educational and paid internship programs.

“After a very difficult year for our City, we can finally offer our young Angelenos a centralized hub which will give them a plethora of opportunities and options to engage in this summer,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “Our children deserve spaces in which they can learn, grow, and stay engaged. I believe this initiative offers them this and more.”

Through the Earn, Learn, Play (ELP) website, students ages 4 to 24 and their families can enter their zip code and find a wide range of summer programs and activities like sports leagues, swimming lessons, music and arts classes, and job and internship opportunities available across the city and the county.

ELP is a partnership between the City and County of Los Angeles, philanthropic partners led by the Mayor’s Fund of Los Angeles, and community-based organizations.

“Los Angeles County has one of the most dynamic economies in the world, due in large part to the richness in diversity that makes us the creative capital of the nation,” said Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo. “The Los Angeles County Office of Education joins the Earn, Learn, Play initiative with great pride in the opportunities that we are creating for all students, including those that have been most affected by the pandemic. We are investing in future generations— one of our most valuable resources.”

ELP connects young Angelenos, ages 14 to 24, to career exploration and internship opportunities both virtually and in person through the City’s Hire LA’s Youth and County’s Youth@Work programs.

ELP helps families navigate to the closest academic enrichment programs available with the L.A. Public Library, the L.A. County Library, and approximately 500 afterschool sites through Beyond the Bell and L.A.'s BEST.

The website also highlights multiple opportunities to stay active and engaged this summer through Summer Play L.A., Swim L.A., Summer Night Lights, arts, music, and many other programs.

Other Earn, Learn, Play partners from the philanthropic, nonprofit, and education sectors include:

- LA84 Foundation/Play Equity Fund
- Great Public Schools Now
- Greater LA Education Foundation
- California Community Foundation
- The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation
- The Ballmer Group
- The Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles
- Expand L.A.
- Los Angeles Unified School District

For more information on ELP, please visit <https://lamayor.org/Summer2021>

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