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Greater LA Summer Matters Network

May 11, 2018

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Our Objective

Unequal summer learning opportunities during elementary school years are responsible for about 2/3 of the 9th grade achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth. (Alexander et al, 2007)



Our Objective for 2017-2018: As the Greater LA Summer Matters Network, we will work to address these inequities and bring the work of the California Summer Matters Campaign to the regional level*. Together, as a regional network, we will continue developing our Work Groups to accomplish 4-6 goals that will increase the quality and quantity of expanded learning summer experiences for students by Summer 2018. We will develop clear, concise and attainable work plans for each goal in collaboration with fellow network members.

**Region includes the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside.*

Greater LA Summer Matters Thinks 2017-2018

BENEFITS TO YOU

1. Opportunity to connect with others who have similar interests/needs who want summer matters work to continue to move forward
2. Provide a mechanism for action to take place via a collective effort
3. Stay informed of the trends and opportunities in summer expanded learning

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH

1. May 16th Network Meeting: Continue our Work Groups for 2017-2018
2. By June 30, 2018: Expand the impact of each Work Group's goals achieved to date
3. For Summer 2018-beyond: Strategic and work plan for 2018-2020

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT

1. Become an active member of a Work Group by attending virtual & in-person meetings
2. Invite others to join and become involved in the Greater LA Summer Matters Network



Summer Matters Network Work Groups

Greater LA Summer Matters: Work Groups 2017-2018



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Goal: Engage with government representatives, business leaders and community stakeholders

Join Us: Our Next Summer Matters Meeting

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June 11, 2018

Virtual Meeting (12:30-1:30pm)

Please, RSVP at: <http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/special-events>

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Greater LA Summer Matters Network
Meeting Dates 2017-2018

SAVE THE DATES! Join us at our next Greater LA Summer Matters Network Meetings. Please share these dates with your fellow summer learning practitioners and advocates. We always welcome new members!

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**THANK YOU for all you do to make a difference in
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