



News Release

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SPS to host free barbeque for students *Health and wellness to be focus*

August 3, 2009 - Springfield Public Schools and Sodexo, our food services company, will host a **Back to School Celebration Barbeque** on Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at two locations simultaneously: Central High School (1840 Roosevelt Ave.) and Chestnut Middle School (355 Plainfield St.).

The barbeque is free and open to Springfield Public School students and their families. The purpose of the event is to place health and wellness on the minds of students as they get ready to return to school on August 31; and to educate families about community and district resources available to help our children succeed throughout the school year.

At the barbecue, resources related to dental and mental health, defensive hygiene, public safety, tutoring programs and good nutrition will be available. The fun will include music, games, giveaways (the first 1,000 students to attend will receive back packs filled with school supplies) and, of course, healthy food choices.

Please help us inform families of this fun, free event by announcing running it as a news brief or calendar item.

We also hope you will be interested in covering the event on Aug. 22. School and city officials will hold a news conference at noon at the Central High School site. You will receive a reminder news advisory during the week of August 16th.