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City of South San Francisco Expands Childcare Programs at Buri Buri and Monte Verde Elementary Schools

The City teamed with the South San Francisco Unified School District to secure the necessary facilities and funding to expand the after-school programs

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 17, 2017 - The City of South San Francisco is pleased to announce it is expanding its licensed Before-and-After-School Childcare Programs at Buri Buri and Monte Verde elementary schools. Through collaboration between the [South San Francisco Unified School District \(SSFUSD\)](#), all students of families formerly on the waiting list will now be enrolled in the City's Parks and Recreation Department-operated programs beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

"It's extremely important for us to offer licensed, high quality, and affordable childcare, so we consider this a huge victory for the City, SSFUSD, and our community to now be able to welcome students to the Before-and-After School programs at Buri Buri and Monte Verde elementary schools," said Mayor Pradeep Gupta. "The entire City Council supports this needed expansion and made it a budget priority for this year."

The City of South San Francisco's [Parks and Recreation Department](#) operates

six programs, serving about 600 children throughout the SSFUSD. Due to the increasing demand for licensed and affordable childcare in South San Francisco, the City teamed with the SSFUSD to secure the necessary facilities and funding to expand the capacity of the Before-and-After-School Childcare Programs at Buri Buri and Monte Verde elementary schools.

"These before-and-after-school programs are very popular with the community and continue to grow each year," said Sharon Ranals, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of South San Francisco. "As a parent, I know the lengths we go through for our children. Childcare is not an option but a necessity. I am very excited about this expansion."

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is only one of a few providers that offer after-school programs for the SSFUSD. As a result of the ongoing partnership between the City and the SSFUSD, the Parks and Recreation Department is able to offer quality care at no cost to families at three locations, thanks to grant-funded programs at two schools and the Community Learning Center, which is provided through the South San Francisco Library.

"I strongly believe that that every family in South San Francisco who needs childcare should have access to it," said Ranals. "Thanks to our continued collaboration with the School District, we are now able to significantly improve availability."

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 214 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.