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Dear Northfield Youth-Serving Organization:

This letter is to inform you that Northfield Community Services will no longer be coordinating the Community Youth Fairs in August. We are grateful for your service to the Northfield community and for your presence at the fairs over the last fourteen years. Many families have benefited from your programs and will continue to do so!

Moving forward, the opportunities to connect with youth and their families will continue under the umbrella of Northfield Promise at four Promise FAIRS throughout the year. FAIRS stands for Fun, Activities, Information, Registration and Scholarships. Based on recent data collected by Northfield Promise, we learned that a number of youth do not participate in activities because they didn't know about them, parents had missed the registration deadlines or a barrier to online registration or obtaining scholarships existed. Thus, the goals of the Promise FAIRS are to connect your organization with families on a seasonal basis and to provide pertinent on-site information, registration, scholarships and fun.

Here are some details of the Promise FAIRS:

- Organizations are asked to provide a table with information and registration materials.
- Organizations should bring a charged laptop for registration purposes; limited outlets available.
- The CAC will be in attendance to accept scholarship applications.
- HealthFinders will provide free physicals to uninsured high school sport athletes in May and August.
- Middle school and high school administrative staff will be available to assist families with online sports registration in August.
- One larger fun component to the FAIRS will be organized by Community Services, thus organizations do not need to provide an interactive activity at their table.

The fairs will be held **inside Greenvale Park Elementary from 6:00 – 8 pm on May 16, August 8, and in October and February (TBA).** Your organization is welcome to attend all four FAIRS, but is strongly encouraged to attend the month/s that best fit with your registration deadlines and season. Your organization contact will soon receive an e-mail from Cheryl Strike of Healthy Community Initiative (HCI), with a link to a google document asking for your commitment to the FAIRS. Please assist us in communicating to the community the months that your organization desires to participate. Cheryl will also be the main FAIRS contact person and will be sending you information regarding all of dates as they approach. We plan to reach youth and families about the organizations attending each of the Promise FAIRS in a variety of ways including; a district wide mailing in the summer, Northfield Promise school backpack flyers quarterly, principal newsletters, school announcements and more.

The letter also serves as an invite to the first Promise FAIR which is being run in conjunction with the Greenvale Park Community School's Health Fair (a message from the Greenvale Park Community School will be inserted here in the near future).