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Palo Alto City Council Honors the DreamCatchers Tutoring Program

Mayor Peter Drekmeier and the Palo Alto City Council will honor the DreamCatchers after-school tutoring program at the Palo Alto City Council meeting on Monday, June 1, 2009. A proclamation will be read recognizing DreamCatchers' significant contribution to the strength and wellbeing of our community. DreamCatchers is a no-charge tutoring program that helps underserved students who are falling behind in school. The program is a collaborative effort among DreamCatchers, Palo Alto Adult School and PAUSD, Palo Alto Housing Corporation and the City of Palo Alto, Family Resources.

"In one short year, DreamCatchers has become an integral part of our Parenting Partnerships program at Palo Alto Adult School," said Kara Rosenberg, Principal.

"I'm so happy for my son to have the opportunity to be in the DreamCatchers program. My son is in 8th grade and after working with his DreamCatchers tutor, his grades in math really improved", said Lucia Peguero, a Palo Alto parent. "His tutor now helps him with science and social studies too."

"The development and success of DreamCatchers is entirely due to the collaborators' interest and dedication to meeting an identified need among middle school youth," said Sharon Murphy, Child & Family Resources, City of Palo Alto. "The City of Palo Alto is very proud of this cooperative accomplishment."

The City Council meeting is held at Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue and begins at 7:00pm. Additional information about the City Council and upcoming meetings can be found at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/cou/default.asp>. For general information about the DreamCatchers program, visit <http://www.dreamcatchersyouth.org>. To contact the DreamCatchers Executive Director, Sarah Mummah, send an email to: smummah@stanford.edu or call (650) 208-4068. For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School and its parent education partnerships, contact Principal Kara Rosenberg at 650-329-3752 or by email at adultschool@pausd.org.

About Palo Alto Adult School

Palo Alto Adult School (PAAS) was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District in 1921. PAAS is committed to excellence in providing a broad range of educational programs that meet the diverse lifelong learning needs of our community. The Adult School's goals are to support a skilled workforce, successful schools and a vibrant community by providing programs in English as a Second Language (ESL), Career Technical Education, Parent Education, Education for Independent Living and Community Education. Palo Alto Adult School is self-supporting and annually serves a student population of more than 8000 students. For additional information, call 650-329-3752 or visit the PAAS web site at www.paadultschool.org.