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Parents, Kids Enjoy Sen. Cullerton and Rep. Feigenholtz Back to School Fair

CHICAGO – On Monday, State Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and State Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) hosted a back to school fair for local families at Gill Park in Lakeview.

“I am glad that so many families took advantage of this school resource fair,” said Feigenholtz. “The parents were very grateful to have these resources in one place, and many asked that we do something like this again during the school year to further our efforts to make our government and community resources accessible and available.”

Heartland International Health Center Pediatric Clinic, a community provider housed at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, provided children with free vision screenings and made referrals to affordable providers when needed. Representatives from Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center encouraged healthier living by providing attendees with free pedometers and Cheerios as a healthy snack option. Many parents obtained identification cards with their child’s picture and fingerprint through the office of the Chicago City Clerk.

A highlight for the children, many of whom attend Gill Park’s summer day camp, was the Chicago Cubs trolley. Aside from exploring the inside of the trolley, the children were given the opportunity to win Cubs prizes by challenging each other to the trolley’s built-in Wii baseball game. Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lakeview YMCA and Lakeview’s Robot City Workshop also provided hands-on fun and education activities.

“It’s great to see so many people so enthusiastically involved in education. I’m glad I could help bring together students, their parents, medical providers and community groups for this tremendous opportunity to get a head start on the upcoming school year, and I hope to be able to continue providing these resources and opportunities,” said Cullerton.

“This was a really fun event for the kids, the parents and also for all of the community providers and businesses that came out for the fair,” Feigenholtz said. “It is great to see the community so invested in our youngest generation and I am looking forward to future events that bring the community together in such a positive and fun way.”

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