

Rep. Bonamici Visits Summer Meal Program *continued from front page*

Bonamici's visit comes amidst discussion in Congress about ways to improve our nation's child nutrition programs. These programs - which include

school meals, summer meals, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program - need to be reauthorized or extended by October 1 of this year.

Rep. Bonamici serves on the House Education and Workforce Committee, which is in charge of reauthorizing these programs to ensure kids have access to nutritious meals year-round.

"She's emerging as one of the leaders in Congress not only to eliminate child hunger in the U.S.," says Newell-Ching, "but also to make sure that we invest in nutritious meals that are worthy of our kids."

Bonamici is co-sponsoring proposals to ensure more communities have access to summer meal programs such as Vernonia's. She also supports alternative efforts that have proven to significantly reduce child hunger during the summer, such as providing a modest increase in food assistance during the summer to kids who are eligible to receive meals at school.

Congress may begin debate on child nutrition programs as soon as they reconvene in September.



Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici joined School Board member Greg Kintz, Schools Superintendent Aaron Miller and Summer Meal Outreach Coordinator DeAnna Pearl in a round table discussion about childhood hunger.

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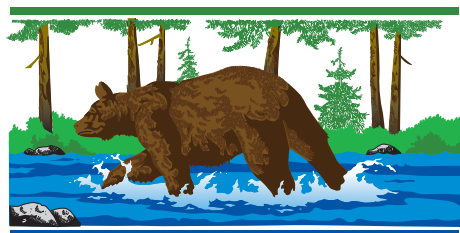
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