

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

Capitol Report



Photos (Left); Rep. Alonzo discusses plans with constituents about upcoming Summer Meals Kickoff in Dallas; (Right); Rep. Alonzo visits with students from Dallas inviting them to participate in the upcoming Summer Lunch Program.



Rep. Alonzo To Participate in Dallas's Summer Meals for Kids Kickoff Event, Friday June 21
Ningún Niño Hambriento, No Kid Hungry

Rep. Alonzo will participate in the 2013 Kickoff for the upcoming **Dallas Summer Meals Program for Children, Ningún Niño Hambriento, No Kid Hungry**, scheduled for **Friday, June 21**, at the Cockrell Hill Apartments.

*"I am thrilled indeed to be invited to be part of the 2013 Kickoff for the upcoming **Dallas Summer Meals Program for Children, Ningún Niño Hambriento, No Kid Hungry** because I know, not only from personal experience as child growing up in a migrant family but also in my many years as a policymaker, of the importance that a healthy meal can have in a child's health, well-being, and educational success alike. For too many low-income children, the breakfast and lunch they get at school during the school year or at summer programs like this, this is the only nutritious meal of the day they may get. I am a giant advocate of nutritious eating for all children and thus the reason I support summer meal programs like this. Moreover, for these very same reasons, I was glad to support and vote for the passage of SB 376 during the recently-completed 83rd Regular Session, legislation which will require school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to offer free and reduced-price breakfasts for each student at a campus if 80 percent of them are income-eligible under the federal income level guidelines,"* said Rep. Alonzo.

The Dallas Summer Meals Kick Off Event/ Ningún Niño Hambriento, No Kid Hungry takes place as follows:

Date: Friday, June 21st, 2013

Time: 11:30am brief program/remarks, 12pm- meal served & activities/ games begin

Location: Cockrell Hill Apartments, 150 S. Cockrell Hill, Dallas, TX

Partners: Texas Hunger Initiative, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Congressman Marc Veasey, State Representative Roberto R. Alonzo, USDA, AZAR, The Paper Plate

Expected attendance: 200

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers free summer meals to kids across Dallas County similar to School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, except meals are free to all kids that come to a registered summer meals site. These Summer Meals Programs can help families save money and stretch their already tight summer food budgets. Many summer meals sites, which are registered with the USDA, offer fun learning and recreational activities so kids and teens can eat a healthy meal while staying active and hanging out with friends.

Families in all of North Texas can find free summer meals sites by visiting the website at www.summerfood.org or calling **211**, or texting **FOODTX** to **877-877**.

"I am convinced that good and healthy eating can stabilize children's energy, sharpen their minds, and even out their moods. By encouraging healthy eating habits while they are still young, you can make a huge impact on your children's lifelong relationship with food, their success in school, and give them the best opportunity to grow into healthy, confident and successful adults. That is why I applaud summer meal programs like this that are helping us make that difference," stated Rep. Alonzo.