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Senator Smith's 3rd Annual Hoops Tournament and Community Fair a Huge Success

ST. LOUIS – On Saturday, July 19, approximately 2,000 people attended Senator Jeff Smith's (D-St. Louis) 3rd annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and Community Fair at Fairground Park. The event offered free school supplies, books, food and drinks, health screenings and information about a myriad of useful services.

"This year's 3-on-3 tournament was not just a day of games and fun," said Senator Smith. "We gave away notebooks, pencils, rulers and other school supplies to students as they prepare to go back to school."

Over 70 non-profit organizations and community services offered information, activities, and services, including free health screenings for vision, HIV, lead testing, as well as chiropractic evaluations. Volunteers distributed information on parenting, health, housing, literacy, childcare, community-building, and much more. Adults registered to vote and people of all ages signed up for new library cards.

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament was comprised of four age divisions: 10 and under, 11-13, 14-16, and 17 and up. With a star-studded field including former NBA talent (and Vashon High alum) Anthony

Bonner, the games were hotly contested but characterized by hustle and sportsmanship. Winners received prizes ranging from new bicycles to amusement park and concert tickets.

In an unusually spirited matchup, Smith's team lost in the quarterfinals to the Fairground Legends, who went on to win the tournament. Smith said that he will be nursing his bruises until the September veto session.



Sen. Jeff Smith (D-St. Louis) takes a shot during his annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament and community fair at Fairground Park.

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