



Summary of Findings from a National Election Eve/Election Night Poll November 2006

- ❖ **Eighty-two percent of voters agree that there should be some type of organized activity or safe place for children and teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities for them to learn.** Sixty-six percent of voters strongly agree with this statement.
- ❖ Given the dangers young people face after school, an overwhelming majority—**almost nine in ten voters—think that afterschool programs are important.**
- ❖ **Support for afterschool crosses party and ideological lines.** Eighty-eight percent of Democrats, 84 percent of Independents and 76 percent of Republicans agree on the need for an organized activity or safe place for children and teens, as do 70 percent of conservative men.
- ❖ **Two in three voters** (65 percent) agree that afterschool programs are an **absolute necessity** for their community, with more than a majority strongly agreeing the programs are necessary.
- ❖ **72 percent of voters** think that newly elected officials in Congress should increase funding for afterschool programs.
- ❖ Even when faced with the possibility of a tax increase, **69 percent** of voters agree that Congress should increase funding for afterschool programs.
- ❖ Nearly **three-quarters** (73 percent) of voters want their newly elected state and local leaders to increase funding for afterschool programs.

Methodology: Survey conducted by Lake Research Partners. The survey reached 1,000 definite voters and was conducted on November 7 and 8, 2006. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1%.