Candidate Questionnaire on Afterschool and Related issues

1. What are your views on access to afterschool and summer learning programs? What actions might you consider based on your views?

2. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning has become a major focus in efforts to boost international competitiveness and prepare for the 21st century economy. What are your views on this issue and on the role out-of-school time can play?

3. The traditional school day and a variety of supplementary programs are available to support low-income student’s access to meals and academic enrichment during the school year. But this access decreases substantially over the summer. How would you approach this from a policy perspective?

4. Given a growing epidemic of childhood obesity, what types of opportunities might help children be physically active in the hours outside the school day? Do you think these types of opportunities ought to be supported or encouraged, and if so, how?

5. Some research suggests low-income children face an “opportunity gap,” i.e., different resources available to children based on income, such as private tutoring, access to sports and arts, social connections etc. Do you see such a gap? If so, what would you do to reduce this gap?

6. If elected, how would you help youth engage in positive behaviors and constructive activities that may help prevent their engaging in more risky behaviors that lead to more negative outcomes? What can our country do to change interactions among youth and law enforcement?