This is Afterschool

Inspiring Students to Learn,
Helping Them Make Smart Choices,
and Giving Parents Peace of Mind

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60%  Nationally, nearly 60% of students improve their behavior in class.

83%  In Iowa, 83% improve their behavior in school.

1 in 2  Nationally, 1 in 2 students improve their math and reading grades.

3 in 4  In Iowa, 3 in 4 students improve their math grades while 2 in 3 improve their reading.

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Across America, 1 in 5 kids are alone and unsupervised from 3 to 6 pm. In Iowa, that number is nearly 1 in 4.

This is important because these hours are when juvenile crime and victimization peak – and many parents are still at work. It is estimated that, nationally, parents lose 8 days of work and businesses lose up to $300 billion annually due to lost productivity.

Afterschool provides a solid return on investment. Research shows that, nationally, every $1 invested in programming saves at least $3 by:

- Increasing kids’ learning potential
- Improving kids’ academic performance
- Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

In one school district in Iowa, the police department reports a 51% decrease in juvenile arrests during the afterschool hours of 2:00 to 5:00 p.m since their after school program at the middle school began.

Federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grants are the only national and state (in Iowa) dedicated source of support for local communities’ afterschool and summer programs. Demand for programs is so great that, nationally, 2 out of every 3 applications cannot be funded. In Iowa, 1 out of every 2 applications cannot be funded.

For the past three years, President Trump has proposed a total elimination of 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Despite these recommendations, the program has received increases in funding each year due to strong bipartisan Congressional support.

America and Iowa Need More Afterschool

For every student in afterschool nationally and in Iowa, 2 more would participate if a program were available.