



Iowa Afterschool Alliance
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Dear Mayor Buttigieg:

I am writing to invite you to visit an afterschool program in Iowa this fall.

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance advocates for the hundreds of before school, after school, and summer programs that provide thousands of Iowa youth with safe, educational activities and care. Afterschool programs are a huge support to working families; filling the gap between work and school schedules, providing learning opportunities beyond the classroom, and keeping kids safe.

Afterschool programs provide students valuable opportunities to be physically active; explore new interests and careers; and support their communities through service projects.

We would like to take you on a tour of an Afterschool program. We have outstanding afterschool programs across the state including Dubuque, Burlington, Sioux City, Clinton, Leon, West Union, Bettendorf, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines that could host a visit.

As you travel the state and the country, you are likely hearing about **concerns with workforce development, child care, and juvenile safety**. Afterschool programs are an innovative solution to these challenges. Afterschool staff, youth, parents, and community partners are eager to share the positive impacts of afterschool programs, the potential they have to address future public policy challenges, and why they need your support.

I hope you can join us and see our programs, and our students, in action. I will contact your campaign within the next two weeks to follow up. I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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