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Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the Afterschool Alliance, I write to respectfully request that you respond to the **six questions submitted** (below and attached) regarding your vision for our nation's youth, particularly in regard to the 80 percent of the waking hours that youth spend each year outside of school. While these topics do not always arise in the debates, constituents are extremely interested in policies regarding youth and are eager to hear your views.

The Afterschool Alliance, founded through a public-private partnership in 2000, today operates as a section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working with over 25,000 afterschool and summer program partners in all 50 states (including program providers, police chiefs, mayors, corporations, families and others) to ensure that all youth have access to affordable, quality afterschool and summer programs.

The questions and answers to this questionnaire from every candidate for the presidency, if received in time, will be published verbatim (please check for grammar) on our website, [afterschoolalliance.org](http://afterschoolalliance.org), and will be sent to our state networks and ambassadors nationwide.

To meet our publication deadline, **your responses to the questionnaire** must be received by no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on **Friday, May, 20 2016**. If you do not respond, the publication will state "Did Not Respond."

Please send your responses to [JLuchner@afterschoolalliance.org](mailto:JLuchner@afterschoolalliance.org).

As a section 501(c)(3) organization, we cannot support or oppose any candidate for public office. Rather, we seek to educate the public about the views of all candidates on these issues. We hope you will take this opportunity to communicate your views on how you as president would deal with policy regarding our nation's youth and their families.

Sincerely,

# 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 students' 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?