Support afterschool for all!

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Why I'm here:

Afterschool gives me the opportunity to learn interesting topics that are otherwise unavailable at school.

For me, afterschool has further advanced my knowledge and love of science.

It has exposed me to other fields of science like zoology, in taking care of animals, and engineering, in developing robots.

What can Congress do:

Provide adequate funding to programs like PACTS (Partnerships for Achieving Careers in Technology and Science)

Sponsor afterschool programs so word can get out. This will expand these programs, benefiting more people in the long run.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.