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Members of Congress to Launch New Afterschool Caucuses, Recognize Children's Efforts to Promote Afterschool

Afterschool Alliance to Release New Data Showing that Children In Working Families Often Unsupervised After School

A bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives will launch the new House and Senate Congressional Afterschool Caucuses, which will press for increased federal funding for afterschool, at a briefing at:

9 AM, Thursday, March 3
Room S-211 (Lyndon Baines Johnson Room), U.S. Capitol
WITH

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)
Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT)
Senator John Ensign (R-NV)
Representative Dale Kildee (D-MI)
Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY)
Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)

At the briefing, the Afterschool Alliance will release new data from *America After 3 PM: A Household Survey on Afterschool in America* – the most comprehensive survey on afterschool to date. The new data examines how children in working families spend their afternoons, with figures on children in self-care and sibling care and a look at rural families. The information includes breakouts by race.

Congressional Afterschool Caucus leaders will also recognize the afterschool students who won the Afterschool Alliance's contest, *Don't Be An American Idle*. Last fall, afterschool students were invited to create their own public services announcements (PSAs) promoting afterschool. Youth from around the country responded, creating unique print, radio and television PSAs that highlight the fun and educational activities offered by afterschool programs. Students from an afterschool program in Erie, Pennsylvania will be on hand to receive their prize.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to afterschool programs by 2010. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org