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Afterschool Leader Lauds 25 States for Filing Lawsuit Demanding Release of Afterschool, Summer Funds the Trump Administration Is Withholding

Statement of Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance, on the Lawsuit Filed Today to Force the Administration to Release FY25 Afterschool and Summer Learning Program Funds

“The afterschool community and the students and families it serves applaud the 24 states plus the District of Columbia that today filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court of Rhode Island to require the Trump Administration to disburse the afterschool and summer learning funds that were due to 50 states and D.C. on July 1. The Trump Administration’s decision not to disburse these funds is causing tremendous chaos and harm, with summer learning programs abruptly shutting down and afterschool programs across the nation cancelling plans to open in the fall. We are counting on the courts to step in and release the funds Congress appropriated, so these essential programs can continue their work to keep students safe, inspire them to learn, and give working parents peace of mind that their kids are safe and supervised when schools are out.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) – the chief federal funding stream for afterschool and summer learning programs – supports more than 10,000 local programs serving nearly 1.4 million children nationwide. Unless the administration relents or the courts step in, we will soon see more children and youth unsupervised and at risk, more academic failures, more hungry kids, more chronic absenteeism, higher dropout rates, more parents forced out of their jobs, and a less STEM-ready and successful workforce as our child care crisis worsens dramatically. That would be a devastating and unnecessary tragedy for our country.”

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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.