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New Report Examines What Can Be Done to Keep New England Students Safe, Help Them Succeed

“New England After 3PM” to Assess Afterschool Opportunities in New England

How many children in New England have safe, supervised activities after the school day ends, and how many are left to care for themselves at the time of day when juvenile crime peaks and inappropriate behaviors beckon? Is New England providing national leadership in making afterschool opportunities available to all children? What more can the region do to meet the demand? What are the most promising afterschool programs and initiatives in New England?

A new report, *New England After 3 PM*, that answers those and other questions will be issued by the Afterschool Alliance on Tuesday, following a Governor’s Afterschool Summit featuring Governor Mitt Romney and Lt. Governor Kerry Healey. Made possible by support from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, the report is the first ever to focus on afterschool across New England, examining a variety of research on New England children’s weekday afternoon experiences. It will be released at a briefing:

When: 11:30 AM Tuesday, May 30, 2006
Where: King Room, Mezzanine Level,
Omni Parker House Hotel,
60 School Street
Boston, MA

Invited Speakers: *Blenda J. Wilson*, President & CEO, Nellie Mae Education Foundation
Karyl Resnick, Coordinator of Afterschool and Out-of-School Time Programs, Massachusetts Department of Education
Christopher Barstow, State Representative, Maine
Cynthia Billings, CEO, PlusTime New Hampshire
Alessandra Moralez and Linny Son, Students at Girls, Inc. in Holyoke, Massachusetts

Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant also will be on hand to provide national perspective. The report identifies a number of successful afterschool initiatives in the region, and concludes that, by taking a regional approach, lawmakers and advocates in New England can build enough private and public support for quality afterschool programs to eventually make them available to every child and family. It calls on local and state policy makers to support increased public and private funding for afterschool, and to help create systems to support local afterschool programs.

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NOTE: *New England After 3 PM* will be available online at
http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/NE_after_3pm.pdf Tuesday at 11:30 AM.