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## **Past CEO of Florida Afterschool Network Larry Pintacuda Named to Afterschool Alliance Board of Directors**

### ***Pintacuda a Longtime Champion of Children's Services, Afterschool Programs***

WASHINGTON, DC – The Afterschool Alliance today announced the appointment of Tallahassee, Florida's Larry Pintacuda to its board of directors. In December, Pintacuda retired from his position as CEO of the Florida Afterschool Network. He is one of two new board members, both of whom have been longtime leaders in the afterschool movement and education leaders at the state level; the other is Bonnie Reiss, former Secretary of Education of California.

Pintacuda had a nearly 45-year career devoted to children's services programming. Before taking the reins of the Florida Afterschool Network, he spent 33 years at the Florida Department of Children & Families (DCF), most recently serving as Assistant Secretary of Operations and State Child Care Coordinator.

"We're excited to add Larry's vast experience to our board of directors," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "His entire career has been about kids — keeping them safe and healthy, and inspiring them to learn. Those are core missions for afterschool programs, and he knows afterschool inside and out. We look forward to benefiting from his hard-earned wisdom and his abiding commitment to children, families and communities."

"It's an honor to join the board of the Afterschool Alliance, an organization that has done so much to keep our children safe and constructively engaged after school," Pintacuda said. "There's so much work to be done making sure children in Florida and throughout the nation have access to quality afterschool programs. It's work I've been doing for some time in Florida, and I'm looking forward to doing it at the national level, together with my new colleagues on the board."

Pintacuda and Reiss join a board that features leaders from the education, industry and public policy sectors:

- **Terry Peterson**, Afterschool Alliance Chairman, Director, Afterschool and Community Learning Resource Network, Charleston, South Carolina;
- **Reinaldo Llano**, Afterschool Alliance Treasurer, Director, Corporate Outreach & Special Projects, Bright House Networks, Orlando, Florida;

- **Lisa Lucheta**, Afterschool Alliance Vice-Chair, Principal, Torani Syrups and Flavors, San Francisco, California;
- **Herb Sturz**, Afterschool Alliance Secretary, Trustee, Open Society Institute, New York, New York;
- **Jaemie Ballesteros Altman**, independent consultant, food and restaurant industry, San Francisco, California;
- The Honorable **David Cicilline**, Member of Congress, Providence, Rhode Island;
- The Honorable **Karl Dean**, Mayor of the City of Nashville, Tennessee;
- **Barry Ford**, Director of Education, Advocacy & Public Affairs, United States Tennis Association, White Plains, New York;
- **Dr. Lucy Friedman**, President, The After-School Corporation, New York, New York;
- **Joan Higginbotham**, Director of Community Relations, Lowe's, Mooresville, North Carolina;
- **Kenneth C. Montague, Jr.**, former Secretary of Juvenile Justice, State of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland;
- **Gilbert Moreno**, Senior Relationship Manager, JP Morgan Chase, NA, Houston, Texas;
- **Mary Peavey**, President, Peavey Electronics Corporation, Meridian, Mississippi;
- The Honorable **Betsy Price**, Mayor of the City of Fort Worth, Texas;
- **Diane Rogers**, Capstone National Partners, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin;
- **Jean Margaret Smith**, Vice President of Public Affairs and Administration, Nickelodeon / MTVN Kids and Family Group, New York, New York; and
- **Stacey Gillis Weber**, active supporter of education causes, New York, New York.

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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](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).*