



Media Advisory
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**Hundreds of Afterschool Providers, Parents, Education Experts, Others to Join
First-Ever Virtual Town Hall on Afterschool on Thursday, May 28 at 6 pm ET**

***#AfterschoolWorks Event Will Demonstrate How Afterschool and Summer Programs Are Supporting
Learning Through the Pandemic and Are Vital to Recovery***

To culminate a week of information sharing, planning and advocacy about the ways afterschool and summer learning programs are supporting students and families during the pandemic, and are poised to support recovery, the Afterschool Alliance will host an unprecedented Town Hall tomorrow evening:

What: First-Ever Virtual Town Hall on Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs

When: Thursday, May 28 at 6 pm ET

Where: Register for the Town Hall on Afterschool [here](#).

Who:

- Tony Smith, Whyspeople, Former State Superintendent of Education, [Illinois](#)
- Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance
- Dr. Deb Moroney, Managing Director, American Institutes for Research
- Michael Wilson, Principal, Magic City Acceptance Academy and Former Principal, Glen Iris Elementary School, Birmingham, [Alabama](#)
- Rico X, Vice President of School Age Services, YMCA of Middle [Tennessee](#)
- Laveta Wills-Hale, [Arkansas](#) Out of School Network
- Mila Flowers, Afterschool Student, Walla Walla, [Washington](#)

The event will feature videotaped remarks from National League of Cities President Joe Buscaino, a City Councilmember in Los Angeles; and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten.

Right now, many afterschool programs are serving children of essential workers and providing virtual programming, meals, other family supports, and remote check-ins to help keep youth engaged and connected and to help youth emerge from this difficult time as strong, resilient, and hopeful as possible. As the country re-opens, afterschool and summer learning programs are crucial to helping parents return to work; helping students catch up, re-connect and re-engage; and directing services to those most severely harmed by the pandemic. The Virtual Town Hall culminates a week of activity to mobilize the afterschool field and educate Congress and the public about the vital role afterschool and summer learning programs are poised to play in the country's recovery.

Register for Thursday's Virtual Town Hall here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lthVZZjoSM-q15ZmSkmmnA

Partners in the event include: After-School All-Stars, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Every Hour Counts, Girls Inc., MENTOR, National League of Cities, National Summer Learning Association, and the Y.

View a congressional briefing on afterschool, held on Tuesday, here:

<http://afterschoolalliance.org/webinars.cfm?ID=C3FA0C0F-5056-A82E-7A8A11D33B58D059>

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