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The Afterschool Community Grieves with Uvalde

Statement of Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

“The mass murders at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, are heartbreaking and absolutely devastating. Losing 19 bright young children and two teachers to a disturbed teenager who had easy access to weapons of mass destruction is unimaginably painful. The afterschool community grieves with the families of all those who were injured or lost, and the entire Uvalde community.

Robb Elementary has an afterschool program supported by 21st Century Community Learning Centers funding; it is part of the afterschool community that works so hard to keep our children safe and healthy and to support their families. But we know that we owe our students more than quality programs that give them fun, engaging, educational activities that help them succeed in school and life. We owe them safe spaces and protection from the violence that pervades our society. We have to use every resource we can muster to safeguard every child, every parent, and every educator in this 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.