Afterschool a Priority for Asian American and Pacific Islander Voters

The consensus among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) voters around support for afterschool programs is clear. Below are a few key findings from a survey of registered voters:

What do AAPI Voters Say about Afterschool Programs?

- Afterschool and summer programs are an absolute necessity: 77%
- Federal, state, and local leaders should provide more funding for afterschool programs: 79%

Why do AAPI Voters Support Afterschool Programs?

- AAPI voters agree that afterschool programs are:
  - Inspiring children to learn by giving them engaging hands-on and fun projects, opportunities to express themselves creatively, and connecting them with caring adults: 91%
  - Supporting young people's social and emotional well-being by helping them develop confidence, communicate and build connections with others, and work in a team: 85%
  - Helping young people catch up academically and socially from the impacts of the pandemic: 81%

What do AAPI Voters Want for Afterschool Programs?

- AAPI voters agree that:
  - Local governments should invest some COVID-relief funds into afterschool and summer programs: 74%
  - Schools should invest some COVID-relief funds into afterschool and summer programs: 81%

Burma Center | Springfield and Battle Creek, Michigan

The Burma Center supports the Burmese American community in Springfield and Battle Creek, Michigan. In addition to afterschool and summer programming, the Burma Center offers wraparound services for all ages, including assistance with employment, translation services, and health and wellness supports, such as access to primary care physicians and referrals for mental health. During the school year, a virtual program providing academic support in math and reading for students in K-8th grade is offered, and in the summer, K-12th graders are able to take part in activities that promote positive cultural learning and affirmation, such as Burmese language lessons, teaching the history of Burma, and celebrating Burmese Independence Day.

---

1 The online survey was conducted by Lake Research Partners between November 9-14, 2022, reaching 1,400 registered voters, including 162 registered voters who identified as Asian American or Pacific Islander.