



PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S AFTERSCHOOL SAFETY NET

Keep children learning and parents working

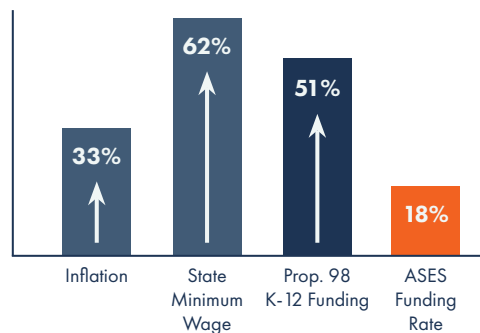
California has put students and families in our state's highest poverty communities at risk with years of inadequate and unsustainable afterschool funding.

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California spends less than \$3 an hour for care for our most vulnerable students. That's less than the cost of a latte. Our students are worth more.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS CANNOT KEEP UP



Since 2007, the state minimum wage has increased 62%, but state funding for After School Education & Safety (ASES) programs has only increased 18%.

86% of all California parents support public funding for afterschool programs.

CURRENT RATE

\$8.88

per child per day

NEEDED for FY 2020-21

\$10.25

per child per day

To simply comply with the next state minimum wage increase, lawmakers need to allocate \$36 million to ASES programs. To backfill cuts made over a decade of underfunding, ASES programs need \$63 million more. In total, **lawmakers need to increase funding for ASES programs by \$99 million in FY 2020-21 and bring the rate from \$8.88 to \$10.25 per child per day.** ASES is one of the few categorical programs remaining outside of LCFF that does not receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). An annual COLA is needed to ensure a baseline of services for children and families as costs to operate grow.

Investments in afterschool are investments in schools & the community

Research from the California Department of Education shows that **afterschool programs bring an additional \$163 million to schools each year** by improving school attendance for students involved. Additionally, according to the Afterschool Alliance, every \$1 invested in afterschool programs in California saves \$2-9 by increasing earning potential, improving academic achievement, and reducing juvenile crime. This modest budget request represents less than 1/7th of 1% of the total Prop. 98 K-12 education funding proposed for 2020-21.

(See reverse for more benefits of afterschool programs.)

For additional information visit www.saveafterschool.com



AFTERSCHOOL WORKS

California's After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs keep kids learning and parents working. They are the state's most cost-effective childcare and educational investment, serving nearly 400,000 students at 4,200 schools for at least 3 hours every school day.

Afterschool programs are **essential to reducing California's educational disparities.**

84%

of children in afterschool programs are **socio-economically disadvantaged.**

9/10

children in afterschool programs are **children of color.**

1/3

children in ASES programs are **English learners.**

25%

of California's **homeless students** are in afterschool programs.



Afterschool programs help children **succeed in school.**

Regular participation in afterschool programs provides new learning opportunities and helps boost students' reading and math performance and grades.

Afterschool programs **support the whole child.**



Children living in poverty are 2-3 times more likely to be chronically absent.

Afterschool **reduces chronic absence.** Participants attend up to 17 more days of school compared to their peers.

More likely to stay in school and graduate.



2 million children in CA live in low-income households without consistent access to enough food.

Afterschool **reduces childhood hunger** by serving nutritious snacks and meals daily.

Lower risk of developing obesity, asthma, & depression. Better able to learn.



1 out of 3 students cannot identify a single caring adult at school.

Afterschool **connects children with diverse and caring adults** from their community.

Feel more connected to school & are more likely to succeed. Better able to form healthy relationships later in life.



There is a growing divide between the skills employers are seeking and applicants' abilities.

Afterschool **builds social-emotional skills** & teamwork, leadership, communication, & problem-solving.

Better prepared for the jobs of tomorrow as responsible problem solvers & team players.



Crime and experimentation with drugs and alcohol spike during unsupervised hours between 2 and 6pm.

Afterschool **protects kids from risky behaviors** by keeping students engaged during the prime time for crime involving children.

Less likely to be involved in a crime or use alcohol or drugs.

Afterschool programs provide **critical child care for working families.**

Many parents are working two or three jobs to provide for their children. Afterschool gives them peace of mind. A 2019 survey found that if parents lost access to their afterschool program, **58% would have to reduce the number of hours they work, and 26% would have to stop working completely.**

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