



Save Afterschool Campaign, 2016 Legislative Session

Region 11 Expanded Learning Advisory Committee Meeting
September 9, 2016

Campaign Coalition

A collection of logos for various organizations supporting the Save Afterschool Campaign. The logos include:

- CHILDREN NOW
- the Y
- BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
- CALIFORNIA Teaching Fellows FOUNDATION
- AFTERSCHOOL ALL-STARS
- CENTRAL VALLEY Afterschool FOUNDATION
- PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
- FIGHT CRIME: Invest in Kids
- CALIFORNIA AFTERSCHOOL ADVOCACY ALLIANCE (CA3A) with the tagline: "Dedicated to protecting and strengthening California's publicly-funded after-school programs"
- THINK Together
- A World Fit For Kids! USA
- CITIZEN SCHOOLS
- CAN (California After-School Network)
- CALIFORNIA SCHOOL-AGE CONSORTIUM
- The Children's Initiative
- Woodcraft Rangers



How Did We Get Here?

- In 2002, Proposition 49, a citizen's initiative, guarantees \$550 million annually for ASES
- In 2006, the funding formula established a daily rate of \$7.50 per student
- No COLA built into statute; funding has been stagnant for ten years
- We are running 2016 programs on 2006 dollars

**\$7.50 in 2006 dollars is worth
\$6.08 in 2016**

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The World Has Changed Since 2006

- California Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen 19% over past ten years
- Minimum wage has increased 33% and will increase 100% to \$15 by 2022
- Part-time workers entitled to 24 hours of annual sick leave
- Research has shown that high-quality programs cost \$21-24 per child/day



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How Has the Field Been Affected?

- According to PCY's field survey (2016, n=676):
 - **97%** are **negatively** impacted by flat funding
 - **29%** very likely to **close in two years** without increase in ASES rate
 - **86%** say **more difficult** to attract and retain **high quality staff**
 - **64%** have **reduced staff hours**
 - **69%** have **reduced professional development**
 - **35%** are serving **fewer students** than last year



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2016 Legislative Efforts

- CA3 sponsored AB 2663 (Cooper) which proposed a \$73.3 million (13.3%) increase to the ASES appropriation, and established COLA for future years
- Assembly recommended adoption, Senate and Governor did not support, no increase was included in 2016/17 Budget Act
- Department of Finance urges ASES grantees to close the shortfall with LCFF revenue

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Legislative Efforts – Plan B

- Assemblyman Cooper amended AB 1426 to include language raising the daily rate to \$8.50 within the current appropriation
- The bill also provided for flexibility to close before 6:00pm under certain circumstances
- Department of Finance opposed both provisions and the bill died in Senate Appropriations Committee
- Message from DOF is clear – LCFF or nothing

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The Argument Against LCFF

- ASES is not one of the categorical programs absorbed into LCFF
- Few districts are prioritizing LCFF revenue for expanded learning activities
- ASES programs contracted to CBOs cannot compete against district-operated programs
- Relying on LCFF creates unmanageable inconsistencies in quality and equity
- The State created the cost pressures, and the State should address them, as it has for other categorical programs

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What Can I Do?

- **Register** at www.saveafterschool.com to sign on the campaign and keep informed
- **Engage district administrators** in discussions about the use of LCFF to support programs
- **Inform families** of fiscal challenges facing after-school and encourage them to reach out to lawmakers
- **Conduct site visits** for school board members and superintendents – Lights On! Afterschool October 20, 2016