

# Afterschool Programs

## Keep Children Learning and Parents Working

State-funded After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs and federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) serve nearly 500,000 students in over 4,500 schools daily. These programs provide vital services in high poverty communities throughout California—over 84% of students enrolled in these programs are socio-economically disadvantaged.

### Rising Costs & Insufficient Funding Puts Families at Risk

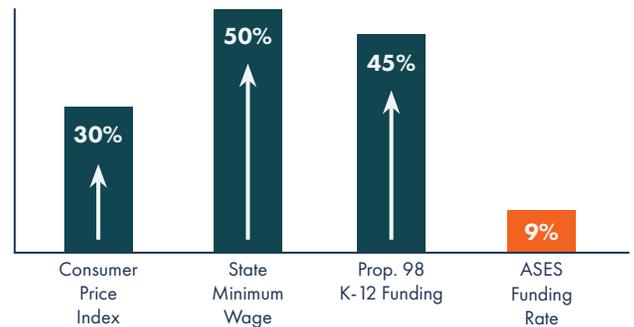
While the costs and responsibilities of afterschool programs have consistently increased, the state's investment has not kept pace for more than a decade.

Since ASES was implemented in 2007, the state minimum wage has increased 50%, while the daily reimbursement rate for ASES has only increased 9% (\$7.50 to \$8.19 per student per day). As a result, programs are cutting services for kids and nearly 1 in 4 programs are expected to close their doors in 2020 without additional state funding, denying access to about 91,000 students.

In addition to the essential academic support and enrichment opportunities provided to children to help them succeed in school and life, afterschool programs are critical to parents and guardians, especially those struggling to make ends meet. Afterschool programs are part of the child care continuum that helps working parents keep their jobs, and keep students safe and out of trouble during the peak hours for juvenile crime. Programs build social-emotional skills, promote healthy life choices, serve nutritious snacks and meals, build positive relationships with caring adults, and support the whole child.

Unless the state acts, families will lose an effective resource that helps children succeed in school and prepare for the jobs of tomorrow, and allows parents to work knowing their children are safe.

Percent increase since 2007, when ASES was implemented



### Afterschool programs improve the lives of students, families, schools, and communities:

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| ↑ School attendance               | ↓ Youth substance use               |
| ↑ English language proficiency    | ↓ Crime                             |
| ↑ Social-emotional skills         | ↓ Achievement and opportunity gap   |
| ↑ STEAM opportunities             | ↓ Cost-pressure on working families |
| ↑ Graduation rates                | ↓ Teacher shortage                  |
| ↑ Physical activity and nutrition |                                     |
| ↑ Workforce skills                |                                     |

**\$2-9 saved for every \$1 invested!**

## Support Increased Funding for Afterschool Programs This Year

### 1 Provide urgent and ongoing protection for ASES programs

- Raise the ASES daily funding formula to \$9.75 per student to keep high-quality programs open for families
  - ➔ **Support the ASES Budget Request in 2019-20: SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT**
- Ensure ASES programs survive future increases in the state minimum wage and cost of living.
  - ➔ **VOTE AYE on AB 1725 (Carrillo)**

### 2 Support and increase access to afterschool programs to prevent and reduce substance use.

- Help ensure a portion of tax revenue from Prop. 64 (Adult Use of Cannabis) will go to afterschool programs serving grades K-12 to prevent and reduce youth substance use.
- Afterschool programs were promoted in Prop. 64 campaign ads and the ballot argument as a beneficiary of funding.
 

*"Proposition 64 generates a billion in new tax revenues for California to fund afterschool programs and job training and placement initiatives."* —Revenue

  - ➔ **VOTE AYE on AB 1085 (McCarty)**

