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New York State Network for Youth Success Thanks Governor Cuomo and State Legislature for Empire State After-school Program Funding

On behalf of the 22,000 youth across New York State who will be able to access the benefits of a high-quality afterschool program, the New York State Network for Youth Success would like to thank the Governor and Legislature for funding the \$35 million Empire State After-School program in the FY2017-18 state budget. At a time when the President has proposed cuts to these vital afterschool programs, New York is stepping up to bring high-quality afterschool programming to children and youth currently residing in some of the highest need communities in our state.

While we are thankful for this much-needed investment in afterschool programs, we look forward to working with the Legislature and Governor to expand this funding in the coming years to serve additional families across our state.

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About The New York State Network for Youth Success

The New York State Network for Youth Success is dedicated to building a youth-serving system that increases the quality and availability of afterschool and expanded learning programs.

The Network for Youth Success supports all programs that promote young people's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development outside the traditional school day. These programs include those that serve youth in kindergarten through 12th grade, take place in schools and/or in community-based settings, and occur before and after school, during weekends, holidays, and summer breaks, or during the school day through partnerships with community organizations.

The Network for Youth Success convenes partners and coordinates them around a common agenda focused on partnership development, policy development, and capacity building. The network connects practice with policy across a broad range of state, regional, and local partners that represent the afterschool, expanded learning, community schools, and youth development fields broadly.