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**President Trump's Budget Would Eliminate Afterschool Programs for 58,000 New York Students
*FY19 Federal Budget Proposal Cuts 21st Century Community Learning Centers***

Albany, NY—President Donald J. Trump has proposed massive cuts to children's services – including the elimination of 21st Century Community Learning Centers – in his 2019 federal budget proposal. If the President's plan is approved, New York would lose \$88.5 million for 21st Century Community Learning Centers and more than 58,000 students in the state would be at risk of losing access to afterschool care.

21st Century Community Learning Centers provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for students at high-poverty schools. Afterschool programs supported with 21st Century Community Learning Center funding are proven to help at-risk students improve achievement in core subjects and raise graduation rates in underserved communities.

"Failure to fund 21st Century Community Learning Centers not only puts 1.7 million children in immediate jeopardy, it also negatively impacts our current and future workforces," said Kelly Sturgis, Executive Director of the New York State Network for Youth Success. "Many families will be forced to either leave their young children home alone or abandon their jobs. In some cases, parents will have to resort to public assistance to provide for their families. Furthermore, students who are denied the assistance needed to be successful in school today are less likely to be successful in the workforce of tomorrow."

Research shows that consistent participation in afterschool programs over the elementary school years effectively eliminates the gap in low-income and high-income children's math achievement at grade 5, improves school attendance and grades, and reduces behavior problems. Quality afterschool programs are effective in reducing violence, theft, vandalism, gang activity, and other adolescent crimes during the hours between 3 and 6 pm, when school is out but many parents are still working.

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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.

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