



# Afterschool Uplifts New York

High-quality afterschool programs across New York State are keeping children safe, supporting working families, and increasing academic achievement. The State should protect and increase investment in these valuable programs.



## Advantage After School Program

The Executive Budget eliminates current programs for 2,500 children and families under the Advantage After School Program. Lack of continued funding during the remaining grant period will be detrimental to the afterschool programs, staff, students, and families who participate in Advantage programs. Advantage serves more than 16,000 students at a rate of \$2,000 per student.

REQUESTED INVESTMENT FOR FY2021 <b>\$38 million</b>	AMOUNT INVESTED DURING FY2020 <b>\$33 million</b>
Restore <b>\$5 million</b> cut in the Executive Budget proposal to preserve funding for the Advantage After School Program at the FY19-20 level of \$33 million, and avoid service cuts to at least 2,500 students participating in Advantage.	Invest an additional <b>\$5.12 million</b> in the Advantage After School Program. This would <b>increase the per student rate to \$2,320</b> while continuing to serve the same number of students. Include Budget language to make summer programs an <b>allowable expense</b> for the next round of Advantage After School Program RFPs, anticipated in 2024.

## Empire State After-School Program

The Executive Proposal provides a \$10 million increase for the Empire State After-School Program. These funds are proposed to allow an additional 6,250 students to engage in afterschool programs at a rate of \$1,600 per student. This year's budget language directs funds "to support the establishment and/or expansion of afterschool programs by school districts or school districts in collaboration with not-for-profit community-based organizations", restricting the previous eligibility of community-based organizations (CBOs) to be lead applicants.

REQUESTED INVESTMENT FOR FY2021 <b>\$65 million</b>	AMOUNT INVESTED DURING FY2020 <b>\$55 million</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allow CBOs to be lead applicants</li> <li>● Increase per student rate to \$2,320</li> </ul> <p>Maintain <b>FY2019-2020 language</b> (and not the current Executive Budget language) <b>that allows community-based organizations (CBOs) to be lead applicants</b> for Empire State After-School grants to ensure that school districts and CBOs who benefit from successful partnerships are not restricted from bringing afterschool programs into their districts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allows CBOs as lead applicants</li> <li>● Per student rate of \$1,600</li> </ul> <p>Maintain the <b>\$10 million</b> increase to the Empire State After-School Program as proposed in the Executive Budget. Amend budget language for this new funding <b>to stipulate an increase of the per student rate</b> from \$1,600 to \$2,320 to account for the minimum wage increase.</p>



### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ASKS

**Provide equitable technical and financial assistance to support professional development and the quality of all state-funded grantees.**

- **Direct \$5 million** in new funding towards three new Technical Assistance Centers to provide resources, convenings, and support to all state-funded afterschool and summer grantees.

**Expand access widely to Universal Afterschool across the state.**

- **Dedicate at least 25%** of revenue gained from legalization of adult use cannabis to afterschool and summer programs, if legalization occurs.
- Include full funding for afterschool, summer, community schools, and expanded learning opportunities within the foundation aid formula.

**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE YOUTH BUREAUS, NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NETWORK, CAMPAIGN FOR SUMMER JOBS, & WINNING BEGINNING NY, THE NETWORK SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ASKS:**

#### Community Schools

- **Invest \$100 million** in new funding for community schools through a Community Schools Categorical Aid.
- **Maintain \$300 million in Community Schools Set-Aside** as proposed in the Executive Budget, including the minimum allocation of \$100K to school districts.
- **Add an additional \$650K** in funding for the Community Schools Technical Assistance Centers, for a total of \$1.85M annually through June 30, 2023.

#### Youth Development Program (YDP)

**Protect \$15.6 million** for the Youth Development Program (YDP) by restoring \$1.5 million cut in the Executive Budget.

#### Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention (ESD/SVP)

**Continue \$24.3 million** for the Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention (ESD/SVP) program.

#### Summer Youth Employment

**Maintain \$45 million** for the Summer Youth Employment as proposed in the Executive Budget.

#### Childcare

**Invest \$40M** to create a fund to increase workforce compensation and improve child care quality; **and \$60 million** to incrementally increase guaranteed eligibility levels and decrease the co-payment multiplier.

