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Expanded Student Learning at Afterschool and Summer Programs Will Be Focus of Legislative Breakfast

Capital Region Extended Learning Opportunities Network to Address Academic Achievement Gap and Summer Learning Loss

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2019

TIME: 8:30-10:00 am

PLACE: Guilderland YMCA, 250 Winding Brook Dr., Guilderland, NY 12084

Albany, NY –The Capital Region Extended Learning Opportunities Network will host a legislative breakfast to discuss the power of afterschool and summer learning programs. These programs have been effective in narrowing the achievement gap and addressing summer learning loss, which disproportionately affect low-income students.

Research shows that most students lose **two months** of mathematical skills every summer, and low-income children typically lose another **two to three months** in reading. Quality afterschool and summer learning programs can reduce these losses and help ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed academically.

Representatives of local afterschool and summer learning programs will discuss opportunities for Capital Region youth to maximize afterschool and summer learning opportunities. Presenters include:

Kelly Sturgis, Executive Director, Network for Youth Success

Kelly Quist-Demars, Constituent Representative, Congressman Paul Tonko's Amsterdam Office

Andrew Katz, Director of Youth Services, Albany JCC

Jimmy Bulmer, Director of Development, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Capital Area

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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.