

TAKE ACTION CALENDAR: 2015 KEY DATES AND EVENTS

May - July	<p>Key Votes - Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE) and Child Nutrition Act</p> <p><i>Write and email senators and representative in support of afterschool and summer components of these bills.</i></p>
<p>March 21-April 1</p> <p>March 24- April 11</p>	<p>Senate Easter Recess¹</p> <p>House Easter Recess</p> <p><i>Invite officials to visit your program to talk to the children about their jobs and what they do to keep your community safe.</i></p>
<p>May 2-6</p> <p>April 30-May9</p>	<p>Senate Recess</p> <p>House Recess</p>
May - September	<p>Key Vote - Congress Works on Appropriations</p> <p><i>Call, write and email your senators and representative. Organize the entire community to call and write letters to their Members of Congress asking them to support the proposed increase in afterschool funding.</i></p>
<p>May 30-June 3</p> <p>May 27-June 6</p>	<p>Senate Memorial Day Recess</p> <p>House Memorial Day Recess</p>
July 14	<p>Summer Learning Day</p> <p><i>Invite district offices to participate in a Summer Learning Day event. Visit www.summerlearning.org for more information.</i></p>
<p>July 1 - July 5</p> <p>June 25-July 4</p>	<p>Senate Independence Day Recess</p> <p>House Independence Day Recess</p> <p><i>Invite your officials to visit your program and celebrate Independence Day with your students.</i></p>
July 18-21	Republican National Convention
July 25	Democratic National Convention
<p>July 18 - September 5</p> <p>July 16- September 5</p>	<p>Senate August/Summer Recess</p> <p>House August/Summer Recess</p> <p><i>Meet with your senators and representatives in their district offices or invite them to visit your afterschool or summer program.</i></p>
September - October	<p>Key Vote - House & Senate Conference on Appropriations Bills, Send to President</p> <p><i>Call, email and write to Congress and President Obama! Make sure they hear how important afterschool programs are to kids in your community and across the country!</i></p>
October 1	<p>Fiscal Year 2017 Begins</p> <p><i>Start a letter-writing campaign to the White House urging an increase in funding for afterschool programs in FY2017.</i></p>
<p>October 7- November 13</p> <p>October 1- November 13</p>	<p>Senate Columbus Day Recess</p> <p>House Columbus Day Recess</p>

¹ Recesses are also known as “District Work Periods” – these are time Congressional representatives can engage with their communities

October 20	<p>17th Annual <i>Lights On Afterschool</i> Celebration</p> <p><i>Invite all of your elected officials to local Lights On Afterschool events! Let them see how important afterschool programs are to the children and entire community that they serve.</i></p>
November 8	<p>Election Day</p> <p><i>2016 is a big election year - the Presidency, all 435 House of Representative seats and 34 of 100 Senate seats are up for grabs. Also, your community might hold elections for local government offices. Download our campaign toolkit to help you make afterschool an election issue in your community: http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/reachPolicyElectionIssues.cfm</i></p>
November 18-28	House Thanksgiving Recess
November 21-25	Senate Thanksgiving Recess
December 16-January 1	Senate Recess

<https://democrats.senate.gov/2016-senate-calendar-114th-second-session/#.VwJ2t-bwk5w>
<http://www.democraticwhip.gov/sites/default/files/2016CALENDAR-QuickReference.pdf>