

NC NW 3  
21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC  
CONSORTIUM

**THREE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS:**  
ALEXANDER, ALLEGHANY, & CALDWELL

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**  
HIDDENITE CENTER, YMCA  
ALLEGHANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SOS, 4-H, JUNIOR APPALACHIAN MUSICIANS  
CULTURAL ARTS, MOUNTAIN HERITAGE  
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT



## **Resolution of Support for *Lights On Afterschool!***

**WHEREAS**, the members of the North Carolina Northwest Three 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Consortium stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs because these programs:

- Develop skills for academic and personal improvement and success among our youth;
- Encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education;
- Provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our kids that boosts their academic achievement and interest in lifelong learning;
- Support working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people.

**WHEREAS**, our 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, *Lights On Afterschool!*, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 9, 2003, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of our children, their families and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Consortium's leadership enthusiastically supports *Lights On Afterschool!* and commits our Governing Board to support innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and doors stay open after school; and

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the North Carolina Northwest Three 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Consortium calls on the leaders of Alexander, Alleghany, and Caldwell Counties on the day of October 9, 2003 to assure awareness of the need for every child to have access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool and to support *Lights On Afterschool!*;

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, by resolution of the Governing Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent Jack Hoke, Chair, North Carolina Northwest Three 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Consortium