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**U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan to Join Parents,
Students, Educators from Across Country When they Tell Congress:
Nation's Kids, Families Urgently Need More Afterschool Programs**

***Afterschool Alliance to Release Roadmap for Expanding Afterschool
At Eighth Annual 'Afterschool for All Challenge' Next Week***

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, After School Matters Chair Maggie Daley and Judge Glenda Hatchett will join parents, children, educators and policy makers from around the country on April 27 and 28 to discuss the benefits of afterschool programs and ways to ensure that all children and families have access to these programs. Organized by the Afterschool Alliance, the *Afterschool for All Challenge* will give people the chance to voice their support for the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

On April 27, participants will attend sessions that address various aspects of afterschool, including:

- Afterschool's Role in Raising Healthy Children
- Afterschool, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and More
- Afterschool Programs and Workforce Development
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in Afterschool
- New Day for Learning: Taking Afterschool to the Next Level

The Afterschool Alliance will also release the first-ever *Roadmap to Afterschool for All*. The *Roadmap* examines the current levels of public and private investments in afterschool programs and provides recommendations addressing funding and legislative action needed to achieve afterschool for all. All Monday events are open to media and will be at the Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C.

On Tuesday, April 28, *Challenge* participants will attend a "Breakfast of Champions" with Secretary Duncan, Judge Hatchett and members of Congress. At the "Breakfast," the Alliance will honor nine individuals for their tireless work on behalf of afterschool programs. Mrs. Daley will receive the "Afterschool for All" champion award for her national leadership, as well as her work in Chicago. Eight other individuals from around the country will be honored as state afterschool champions. The honorees are from California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York and two are from Ohio.

The "Breakfast of Champions" is at 8 AM in Room 902, Hart Senate Office Building. All events are open to the media.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.