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Collaboration in Afterschool = Engagement in Learning

Briefing Will Explore How Afterschool and Community Partnerships Support Student Success

Washington, D.C. – Afterschool programs can play a vital role in connecting schools and communities while preparing youth for success. They do this by helping schools move beyond the constraints of the traditional school day and embracing the surrounding community and capitalizing on the resources, assets, and perspectives of organizations and individuals outside the school.

Preparing youth for success in tomorrow's workforce is important not only to our nation's schools, but also to communities, policy makers and businesses. Afterschool programs, which keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning, do a tremendous amount to help young people develop the skills needed for the 21st century workplace.

A panel of education experts and corporate leaders will discuss how to create and maintain successful partnerships that improve student engagement in learning at a congressional briefing, held in conjunction with the National Writing Project, at:

11 AM on Wednesday, September 19
U.S. Capitol Visitors Center, SVC 208-09

With

Jen Rinehart, Vice President, Policy and Research, Afterschool Alliance
Dr. Sharon J. Washington, Executive Director, National Writing Project
Dr. Diane Waff, Director, Philadelphia Writing Project, Pennsylvania
Elizabeth Colby, Afterschool Director, Newfound Area School District, New Hampshire
Patricia Rodgers, Youth Advocate, Bristol, New Hampshire
Stacia Edwards, Director, STEM Workforce Initiative, Battelle

Quality afterschool programs that involve strong partnerships between schools, community-based organizations and corporations help young people master 21st century skills, give them positive educational experiences and prepare them for college and careers.

The congressional briefing is sponsored by the Senate Afterschool Caucus.

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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.