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Senate Afterschool Caucus to Host Briefing with New York Yankees First Baseman Mark Teixeira

Yankees Star Will Join Senator Boxer and Afterschool Advocates to Discuss the Links Between Physical Activity and Academic Success, and the Importance of Afterschool Programs

Washington, D.C. – At 2 p.m. ET Thursday, February 9, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), the chair of the bipartisan Senate Afterschool Caucus, will host a Congressional Briefing featuring New York Yankees All-Star first baseman Mark Teixeira and afterschool advocates from across the country to discuss the connection between physical activity and academic success, and the critical role that afterschool programs play in providing a safe and enriching environment for children.

Senator Boxer and other speakers will highlight the importance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which helps provide 1.6 million children access to high-quality afterschool programs nationwide. These programs are proven to help improve students' academic performance and provide opportunities for physical education, arts, music and other activities that are increasingly being cut from the school day.

Senator Boxer will deliver brief opening remarks at the briefing and then the panelists will discuss the importance of physical activity and afterschool programs for our nation's children.

WHO: U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
Mark Teixeira, All-Star First Baseman, New York Yankees
Richard Berlin, Executive Director, Harlem RBI
Lynne Lee, Deputy Executive Director, Team Up for Youth
Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

WHEN: Thursday, February 9, 2012
2 p.m. ET
Members of the press are asked to pre-set by 1:45 p.m. ET

WHERE: 325 Russell Senate Office Building

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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.