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## **Stacey Gillis Weber Joins Afterschool Alliance Board**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Afterschool Alliance today announced the appointment of Stacey Gillis Weber to its board of directors. The New York-based Weber is an active supporter of education causes, and of afterschool programs in particular.

"Stacey Gillis Weber brings a wealth of invaluable experience to her service with the Afterschool Alliance," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "As a parent, she understands the value of afterschool programs to working families, and as a leader of educational institutions, she knows how important afterschool programs are to children's success in school and the health of the community. We are thrilled to have her experience inform the decisions we make as we work to make afterschool available to all children who need it."

Weber is a member of the Dean's Alumni Leadership Council at the Harvard Kennedy School. She has served in the past on the Board of Trustees of the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, New York and as the President of the Horace Mann Parents Association. She also served on the Board of Trustees of Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut, where she chaired the Long Range Planning and Student Life Committees and served on the Executive Board.

In her professional life, Ms. Weber served as Director of Development at the Beginning with Children School, a model public elementary school in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York, and at WNET-13, the flagship station of the Public Broadcasting System. She began her career at Drexel Burnham Lambert in the Municipal Finance Department, where she focused primarily on higher education financing.

Weber holds a Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in New York City and Great Barrington, Massachusetts with her husband, Jeffrey, and their son and daughter.

In addition to Weber, the Afterschool Alliance board includes Terry Peterson, Afterschool Alliance Chairman, Director, Afterschool and Community Learning Resource Network, Charleston, South Carolina; Jaemie Ballesteros Altman, Independent Consultant, Food and Restaurant Industry, San Francisco, California; The Honorable David Cicilline, Mayor, City of Providence, Rhode Island; Dr. Lucy Friedman, President, The After-School Corporation, New York, New York; Glenda E. Hood, former Secretary of State of Florida and former Mayor of Orlando, Florida; Reinaldo Llano, Director, Corporate Community Relations, Bright House Networks, Orlando, Florida; Lisa Lucheta, Principal, Torani Syrups and Flavors, San Francisco, California; Kenneth C. Montague, Jr., former Secretary of Juvenile Justice, State of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland; Gilbert Moreno, Senior Relationship Manager, JP Morgan Chase, NA, Houston, Texas; Mary Peavey, President, Peavey Electronics Corporation, Meridian, Mississippi; and Herb Sturz, Trustee, Open Society Institute, New York, New York.

With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, the Afterschool Alliance works at the national, state and local levels to make quality, affordable afterschool programs available to all families. It organizes *Lights On Afterschool*, the only nationwide rally for afterschool programs, which is held each October. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Lights On Afterschool* will be October 22, 2009.

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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.