**SAMPLE SOCIAL SHARES**

GENERAL LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

Join me in celebrating the impact of quality #afterschool on GA’s youth on Oct. 25 for #GaLightsOn: <https://bit.ly/2wCkXZf>

How has an afterschool program impacted your or a loved one’s life? Help celebrate the importance of afterschool in your community and share your story with #GaLightsOn.

Afterschool programs provide Georgia’s youth with a broad variety of services and supports that support their academic, social-emotional, and physical well-being. #GaLightsOn #ThisIsAfterschool

Support & Demand

For every one child in an afterschool program in GA, two are waiting to get in. <https://bit.ly/2NP74Bf> [#GaLightsOn](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23GALightsOn)

314,000 of Georgia’s youth are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 PM <https://bit.ly/2NP74Bf> GaLightsOn

More than 80% of a young person’s waking hours are spent outside of formal classroom learning #GaLightsOn

Afterschool has broad, bipartisan support! A 2017 poll shows that 94% of Georgians view #afterschool as extremely/very important, more than the national average. #GaLightsOn

Did you know? 42% of Georgia’s counties, with an average population of 17,103, do not have an out-of-school time program funded by @georgiadeptofed or @GADFCS. <https://bit.ly/2BfUuoU> #ThisIsAfterschool

BENEFITS OF AFTERSCHOOL

Afterschool programs improve academic performance and outcomes by increasing school day attendance, reducing grade retention, and improving classroom behavior. <https://bit.ly/2BfUuoU>#ThisIsAfterschool

Every $1 invested in afterschool in Georgia leads to a return of $2.64 in benefits to taxpayers. Now is the time to increase investment in afterschool. <https://bit.ly/2OZW7JR> #AfterschoolWorks

Afterschool programs reduce drug and alcohol dependence by providing youth with a safe place to go when the school day ends and relationships with caring adults. #ThisIsAfterschool

Thousands of working families in Georgia, including ours, rely on #afterschool to keep our kids safe & engaged. That’s why I support #GaLightsOn.

Nearly 1 in 5 of Georgia’s youth are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 PM, the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex. #GaLightsOn

If Georgia was to invest $25 million in high quality #afterschool, taxpayers would save $154 million and an additional 45,409 youth would have access to these critical programs. [https://bit.ly/2N9lRS9 #AfterschoolWorks](https://bit.ly/2N9lRS9%20#AfterschoolWorks)

More time spent in afterschool is associated with better work habits, improved academic performance, gains in self-efficacy, improved GPA, and fewer school absences. #ThisIsAfterschool

THIS IS AFTERSCHOOL

3 out of 4 Nobel Prize winning scientists say their passion for science was sparked in an environment outside of school #ThisIsAfterschool

In afterschool programs, kids build skills, connect with mentors, and prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. #ThisIsAfterschool

More than 280,000 kids in Georgia are building critical thinking and leadership skills in afterschool programs, helping them prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. #ThisisAfterschool

#Readingby3rd grade is a critical indicator of future academic success. Afterschool programs can strengthen reading skills by decreasing absenteeism and providing one-on-one interventions. #ThisIsAfterschool

#ThisisAfterschool. Helping over 280,000 kids in Georgia develop the skills they need for the jobs of tomorrow.

Kids who attend afterschool programs gain hands on experience and learn to communicate, collaborate, and lead. #ThisisAfterschool.

#ThisIsAfterschool. Providing opportunities for youth to take leadership roles in their community and become active members of society.

Approximately 100,000 children in Georgia live with serious mental health conditions. Afterschool programs can play a critical role in identifying how to intervene early and appropriately when there are problems. #ThisIsAfterschool