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**Contact Congress: Support Afterschool Programs**

**The Ask:** Reach out to Congress and ask them to support the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program.

**The Why:** The FY2021 proposed budget eliminates funding for the [21st Century Community Learning Centers Program](http://www.afterschoolga.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Snapshot-of-21st-CCLC.pdf). Without 21st CCLC, nearly two million children - and 26,000 in Georgia - would lose access to the high quality afterschool, before school, and summer learning programs they need. Congress will determine whether this proposal becomes law, and if local afterschool and summer learning programs remain open or close their doors. If the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative is eliminated, many programs will not survive.

**The Message:**Thank you for your support of local afterschool and summer learning programs that rely on federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) funding to provide quality programs to more than 1.7 million young people. I call on you to reject the Administration's proposed elimination of 21st CCLC and instead, as Congress begins work on the FY 2021 appropriations process, I urge you to fund 21st CCLC at the $1.35 billion level or more and reject any cuts to the program.

Regular participation in high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs is linked to significant gains in academics, school attendance, and work habits, as well as reductions in behavior problems. If eliminated, nearly two million children - and 26,000 in Georgia - would lose access to the high quality afterschool, before school, and summer learning programs that help put them on a path to success in college, career, and life. Thank you for your service and for your leadership for the children of Georgia.

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