

8th Annual After School Advocacy Day
March 14, 2007

Draft Agenda

(all times are in flux still until we hear back on awardees and presenters schedules)

10:30 Welcome and Roll Call – John Moore
 ✓ Welcome, why we're here

John Welcome to the Coalition for After School Funding

Advocacy Day! You're all here to be part of

CASF's campaign to increase state funds for after

school programs! My name is John Moore and I

am principal of the Franklin School in Hempstead,

on Long Island.

As a school principal, I know how important after

school programs are (add personal story)

 ✓ practice chants

 ✓ Who's in the House (call out each region)

John

Now, I need to take the official roll call for After-School Advocacy Day. When I say the area that you're from, I need you to stand up and cheer!

Is Syracuse here?

What about Manhattan?

Where's Rochester?

Queens? Is Queens here?

Who's here from Buffalo?

Where's Brooklyn?

Is Niagara in the house?

Show us who's from Poughkeepsie?

Is Long Island in the house?

What about Staten Island?

Where's the Bronx?

Show us who's from Hudson Valley?

Is the Capital District in the house?

Okay, it looks to me that everyone is here! Now, we need to discuss why we are here. Today, we're all here to talk about three specific ways New York State funds after school programs:

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

This is the most urgent reason we are here today!

The 21st century programs from cohort one that will lose funding as of June 30, 2007, serve 207 programs and if we don't save these programs, over 34,000 students will lose their after-school program! We must tell our Assemblymembers and Senators to save this program!

- Advantage After School Programs

Advantage provides grants to not-for-profit organizations coordinating with schools. Although

it received a small increase in the budget, you need to tell your legislators how much important this program is and that they need to give it more funding!

- Extended Day

Extended Day funds academic tutoring and remediation, conflict resolution/violence prevention, recreational and other programs for 29,000 young people throughout the state. It was flat-funded in the budget bills – during your meetings, ask the Senate and Assembly to add more money to this important program!

All three provide money to the programs you attend. You learned about this in your training sessions, and we'll go over it a little in the role play this morning. Our after school programs need

these funds, or they won't be able to have all the activities you have now, and in some cases they might even have to close their doors. That's why we need to raise our voices and let the legislators here know that they have to fund our programs!

John I thought we'd learn some chants now – we need to make sure everyone in Albany can hear us and knows that we support after-school programs!

The chants can also be found on the back of your morning agenda.

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET – WE'LL USE THEM WHEN WE NEED FILLER TOO)

John Great Job - make sure your legislators get that message this afternoon. It's not enough for them to support after school programs - they need to be **SURE** our programs get funds for next year. We're not going to let them off the hook - we need them to fight for our programs!

REVIEW AGENDA

10:40 Performance: John Moore's Dance Troupe

John I'm so proud to be introducing a troupe from my own school...

10:50 We are pleased to have Senator Stephen Saland from Poughkeepsie to present our second group of Youth Ambassadors. Senator Saland serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Education. He is a champion for children and families and we know he's fighting for more funding to keep our after-school programs alive.

Sen. Saland Thank you. I'm delighted to be here today to recognize the first group of students who have been chosen as After-School Youth Ambassadors. Their entries were chosen from among hundreds submitted across New York

State. They're the experts in this field and I am honored to be able to recognize them today.

From my home district, Breanna Guarini, from the ASP Hudson Middle School Afterschool program in Hudson

Daisha Patterson from the SPCC After School Program at Clara Barton School #2 in Rochester

Daisy Rivas-Perez from the Extended Day/21st Century Program at Drexel Avenue School in Westbury

Jordan Sturgen from the Lafayette After-School Program at C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School in LaFayette

Diana Vidal from the Sports & Arts in Schools
Champions Club at I.S. 25 in Woodside

Congratulations to this group of Youth
Ambassadors!

NAMES (Photo with Sen. Saland, hand certificate, shake hands)

11:00 Youth Ambassadors group 1 – introduced by Senator Smith; (Back-up-)

John Now, I'd like to introduce the Senate Democratic
Leader, Senator Malcolm Smith from Queens.
Senator Smith is a long-term champion of youth
programs and we are delighted to have him here
today to help us recognizing the outstanding youth
from New York that participate in after-school
programs. Sen. Smith...

Sen. Smith Thank you. I'm thrilled to be here today to
recognize this second group of outstanding After-

school Youth Ambassadors. The Ambassadors entries have been compiled into a book that will be given to each and every member of the New York State Legislature so we can see how important after-school programs are to our state's children and families.

Darien Banks from the 21st Century Program at W.K. Doyle Middle School in Troy

From my home district, Janay Charles from the TASC/Plays for Living After-School Program at the Humanities and the Arts Magnet High School in Cambria Heights

Marissa Haefner from the 21st Century All Stars program at PS 66, North Park Middle Academy, in Buffalo

Grace Petit from the TASC/Opening Doors &
Building Bridges program run by the Lincoln
Square Business Improvement District at Martin
Luther King, Jr. High School in Manhattan

Sean Ward from the TASC/Forest Hills Youth
Development Center program at Jamaica High
School in Jamaica,

Congratulations to all of the After-School Youth
Ambassadors!

11:15 Provider Award: Yvette Outing Howard*, Albany YMCA at Giffen
Elementary Afterschool Program, presented by OCFS
Commissioner Gladys Carrion*

John Now we have Commissioner Gladys Carrión, the
acting commissioner of the New York State Office
of Children & Family Services (OCFS) to present
our Provider award. Commissioner Carrion was

appointed on January 1, 2007 by Governor Eliot Spitzer to serve in this role. In her previous work, she tirelessly fought to help protect youth and we know she will bring those efforts with her in her new position with the Office of Children & Family Services.

Com. Carrion

Thank you. I'm delighted to be here today to present the Outstanding Provider Award to Yvette Outing-Howard, who has been involved with children for 23 years in the Arbor Hill and Giffen areas. She is currently the Site Director and Camp Director for the Albany YMCA at Giffen Elementary Afterschool Program.

Working with children is her way of giving back to the community. She believes children should know what being a child means. She has dedicated her life to ensuring children in her

community have a safe, enriching place to go during their out-of-school time with adults that care about them.

Ms. Outing-Howard is a very unique individual and when you walk into Giffen Elementary Afterschool Program is understanding and love for children is reflective in everything she does!

On behalf of the Coalition for After-school Funding, I'd like to present you with the Outstanding Provider Award.

Yvette Briefly addresses the crowd.

11:30 Law Enforcement Award: Sgt. Lenny Ricchiuti*, PAL, presented by Chief Dominic Giudice, President of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

I'd now like to introduce Chief Dominic Giudice, who is the Chief of Monroe Police Department in Orange County. He also

serves as President of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., and Statewide Co-Chair of FIGHT CRIME INVEST IN KIDS *NEW YORK* who will present our Law Enforcement Award.

Presenters Sergeant Ricchiutti, (known as Sgt. Lenny to the children and families) has spent the entirety of his professional career working with the youth in the Albany community.

Lenny was a much loved D.A.R.E. Officer before he took over the direction of the Albany Police Athletic League (PAL) on a full-time basis. When Lenny took over PALS it was already a vibrant program but under his leadership it has grown to serving more than 4,000 Albany youth per year

with new and improved programs such as our Show Stoppers Step Team and our High School Youth Leadership Council.

Lenny with his unending example, shows the children in our community that Police Officers are here to help them and their families. He respects our children, and treats them with affection and humor. It is our honor to present you with the Coalition for After-School Funding Outstanding Law Enforcement Award.

Lenny Briefly addresses the audience...

In addition to it being such an honor for me to receive this award today, I am delighted to introduce the Step Team from my own PAL to perform.

11:35 Performance: PAL Step Team* introduced by Sgt Ricchiuti

11:45 Elected Official Award: Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, presented by Lucy N. Friedman, President, The After-School Corporation

John I'd like to introduce Lucy N. Friedman, the President of The After-School Corporation also know as TASC. TASC made this day possible because of their generous financial and administrative support. Please welcome Lucy.

Lucy **I'm pleased to be here to honor an elected official who is a great ally of NY's kids & families. I'm delighted to present the CASF Award for an Elected Official to Assembly Member Catherine Nolan.**

Assemblymemberr Nolan represents the 37th Assembly district in Queens County.

Her district includes the vibrant neighborhoods of Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Astoria, Woodside, Long Island City, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Ravenswood & Dutch Kils.

In January 2006, Speaker Sheldon Silver appointed Assemblymember Nolan to chair the Assembly's Committee on Education.

She also serves on the Ways & Means Committee, the Vets' Affairs Committee and

the Corporations, Authorities and Comissions Committee.

Cathy Nolan has a son who attends a public school in Long Island City. Just like the parents who took time to travel here today, she's a volunteer. She helps out in the reading program at her son's school.

She is a great champion of high-quality a-s, who helps others understand the essential need for these programs.

On behalf of New York families, thank you for your support of great schools, and great a-s.

Ass. Nolan Accepts award and addresses the crowd

11:55 Special Service Award: Shawn Chin-Chance*, presented by Assemblymember Scarborough*

John I'd now like to introduce Assemblyman William Scarborough of Queens who serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families. He will present our next award to one of his own dedicated staff members. Assemblyman Scarborough fights tirelessly to keep our after-

school programs alive and we are delighted to have him here today.

Ass. Scarborough

Thank you. It is a pleasure for me to be here today – not only to meet so many wonderful afterschool program participants but also to recognize a key member of my staff, who not only advocates each day for children and families, but who has also helped to run these critical programs.

Shawn Chin-Chance for the Assembly Committee on Children and Families. A graduate of the City College of New York (CUNY) with a degree in Political Science, he is actively involved with policies and programs that affect today's youth. Mr. Chin-Chance also worked for several years in the non-profit sector with adolescent youth, using

technology as a medium to develop better critical thinkers.

I am delighted to be here today and present Shaun Chin-Chance with the Coalition for After-School Funding Special Service Award.

Shaun Briefly addresses audience

12:05 Role play (Rachel to organize)

John How many of you have been on a lobby visit before? Do you know what's going to happen today when you visit your Senator and Assemblymembers offices? Well, just to get us all a little prepared for what's going to happen, we have some skits to show you. I'd like to introduce Rachel Sabella from The After-School Corporation who's going to lead us in this activity.

12:20 Chants and Send-off

When you go to your meetings, know that the assembly and senate are each passing a budget bill and then they will work out a final budget between the two houses and the Governor. So far, both houses have failed to add funding for after school programs, so today we need to let them know they have to change that!

You're the ones this is all about – you're the ones our elected officials need to hear from so they understand how important after-school programs! You've learned and seen a lot during our program today – now it's time for you to go on your lobby visits and tell your elected officials what is most important!

And just because you leave Albany today, doesn't mean your job is done! We need you to write more letters and ask all of your elected officials –

at the local, state and federal level – to save after-school!

* indicates confirmed to attend