

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs and opportunities provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide invaluable support to working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth has provided significant leadership involving the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people through programs such as Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) which provides learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs ensure all young people have access to high-quality learning experiences that drive academic achievement, foster social-emotional growth, encourage community engagement, and lead to bright futures.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2026, to be

AFTERSCHOOL ADVOCACY DAY

in recognition of the invaluable role afterschool programs have in providing quality education and supporting working families. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to support the efforts of afterschool programs in the development of our Commonwealth's children.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this seventeenth day of April two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro