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Legislative News

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**** URGENT – ACT TODAY ****

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Afterschool programs are important to Iowa children, parents and communities. Funding is at risk in the legislature again this year. Please take TWO MINUTES out of your busy day to urge support for afterschool programs.

Please send a simple message to Jodi Tymeson, Chair of the House Education Committee with a simple message: PLEASE SUPPORT AFTERSCHOOL !!!

Send E-mail to jodi.tymeson@legis.state.is.us
Leave voice mail at the House of Representatives:
515-281-3221
OR Call her home at 515-462-5081

CALLING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Leave a message for your Representative in the House by calling (515) 281-3221
Leave a message for your Senator by calling (515) 281-3371

E-MAILING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Most state legislators are very responsive to e-mail messages which makes this a very simple and effective method for communicating with your legislators. You MUST include your home address in your email, so they know you are a constituent!
Email addresses are created as follows:
firstname.lastname@legis.state.ia.us

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Senate Education Committee passed a bill (SF2311) that directs the department of education to conduct a study of parent involvement programs in the state and nation and make recommendations. Another parent involvement policy bill in the House (HF2239) is based on the extensive research of Dr. Joyce Epstein of Johns Hopkins University. It is the basis for National PTA's National Standards for Parent Involvement Programs which has been endorsed by nearly 100 national education, health, and parent organizations. The same language is the federal definition of parent involvement in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
IOWA PTA URGES SUPPORT FOR THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY IN HF2239.

Please contact your senator and representative and tell them to support the parent involvement policy bill in the House.

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