

INVEST IN AFTER SCHOOL

KEY MESSAGE:

After school programs keep kids safe, Help working families and Improve academic achievement.

Governor Rell's proposed \$5 million cut to the after school grant program will all but eliminate the it and leave almost 7,000 children with no place to go after school and cause 675 after school staff to lose their jobs.

- The After School Grant Program serves over 7,000 kids grades K-12 at 74 sites in 32 Connecticut cities and towns.
- More than twice as many grant applications were submitted for this competitive grant program than could be funded, showing the tremendous need for this crucial funding.
- In 2008, participants in these after school programs saw an increase of 4 percentage points in both reading and math CMT scores.
- Students participating in these programs have fewer disciplinary incidents in school than their non-participating counterparts.