

## 2014 Legislative Agenda

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### **1** **Reinstate Full After School Grant Funding**

#### **Add \$3.9 million to the After School Grant line in the Department of Education budget**

In 2013 CSDE began requiring programs to run for the full school year to better meet families' needs, which increased maximum grant size from \$150,000 to \$200,000, but had the negative effect of reducing the number from 40 grants in 2011-13 to 26 grants in 2013-15.

### **2** **Reinstate "After School Quality Enhancement"**

#### **Add \$150,000 to the After School Quality Enhancement line in the Department of Education budget**

This line item, zeroed out in 2009, is would be used to build a quality improvement infrastructure for after school and summer youth programs, in particular to begin work on a statewide program accreditation system for programs serving school-age children.

### **3** **Create New Summer Learning Grant Program**

#### **Add \$6.2 million to a new Summer Learning Grant line item in the Department of Education budget**

Summer learning loss is a major contributor to the state's achievement gap, and this would create a new competitive grant program to begin to address this need based upon the successful After School Grant program. Grant amounts would range from \$50,000 - \$300,000 depending on the size of the district and number of students served and would require community partnerships and well-rounded programs with recreation, enrichment and academics.

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