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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