

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: February 13, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee

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Council File No.19-0002-S28
Assignment No. 19-02-0133

SUBJECT: SUPPORT of After School Education and Safety Program

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution (Ryu-Wesson, et.al) to include in the City's 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Legislation that would continuously appropriate an additional \$112,800,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for After School Education and Safety Programs (ASES).

SUMMARY

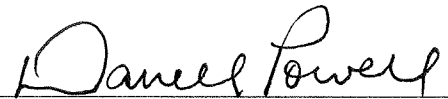
On February 8, 2019, a Resolution (Ryu-Wesson, et.al) was introduced stating the following:

- Research shows that after school programs improve school attendance, reduce dropout rates, help English learners transition to proficiency, develop Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics learning;
- Such programs enrich workforce skills, build social-emotional skills, improve health and nutrition, prevent and reduce substance use and abuse, and reduce crime involving youth;
- After school programs provide critical childcare opportunities for working parents or those that attend school or workforce training;
- The State's per capita investment in the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) has declined since 2006, despite substantial increases to the costs of operating these programs;
- As costs have significantly outpaced dedicated funding, ASES programs have been forced to reduce the essential academic supports and enrichment opportunities they provide to pupils;
- Nearly one-quarter of ASES programs are likely to close their doors by 2020 unless they receive additional funding; and
- Any proposed legislation should require the State Department of Education (SDE) to increase the maximum grant amount and per-pupil funding amount in keeping with the total amount of funding appropriated for Fiscal Year 2019-20, and in each fiscal year thereafter.

BACKGROUND

The After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002 is an initiative statute approved by voters as Proposition 49 (November 2002) that established the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program. The ASES program allows participating public schools to receive grants to operate before and after school programs serving pupils in kindergarten or grades 1 to 9.

The Act provides that each school establishing a program is eligible to receive a renewable 3-year grant for before or after school programs, and grant for operating a program beyond 180 regular school days or during summer, weekend, intersession, or vacation periods. The Act specifies maximum grant amounts and daily per-pupil funding rates for determining a school's total annual grant amount. The Act requires an amount not to exceed \$550,000,000 to be continuously appropriated to the State Department of Education from the General Fund in each fiscal year for purposes of the program, and provides that nothing prohibits the Legislature from appropriating funds in excess of that amount for the program.



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Attachments: 1. Resolution (Ryu-Wesson, et.al)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, research shows that after school programs improve school attendance, reduce dropout rates, help English learners transition to proficiency, develop Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics learning; and

WHEREAS, such programs enrich workforce skills, build social-emotional skills, improve health and nutrition, prevent and reduce youth substance use and abuse, and reduce crime involving youth; and

WHEREAS, after school programs provide critical childcare opportunities for working parents or those that attend school or workforce training; and

WHEREAS, the State's per capita investment in the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) has declined since 2006, despite substantial increases to the costs of operating these programs; and

WHEREAS, as costs have significantly outpaced dedicated funding, ASES programs have been forced to reduce the essential academic supports and enrichment opportunities they provide to pupils; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-quarter of ASES programs are likely to close their doors by 2020 unless they receive additional funding; and

WHEREAS, any proposed legislation should require the State Department of Education (SDE) to increase the maximum grant amount and per-pupil funding amount in keeping with the total amount of funding appropriated for Fiscal Year 2019-20, and in each fiscal year thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Legislation that would continuously appropriate an additional \$112,800,000 from the State's General Fund to the State Department of Education (SDE) for After School Education and Safety Programs (ASES), and require the SDE to increase maximum grant amounts and per-pupil funding amounts in accordance with the total amount appropriated for the program in the 2019-20 fiscal year and each year thereafter.

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