

Rebecca Buck

From: Jenn <jennmoore73@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Theresa Utton; Rebecca Buck
Subject: Funding for Vermont After School Programs

Dear Ms. Utton and Ms. Buck,

I was unable to attend the hearing last Monday of the Appropriations Committee due to a sick child, but wanted to share my comments with you as the Vermont Legislature considers the state budget. I am concerned about funding for Vermont after school programs.

As a single parent with two elementary school children who works full time, I rely on the after school program that my children attend at Manchester Elementary and Middle School to provide a safe and enriching environment for my children while I finish the work day. The MEMS ASP makes me feel confident that my children are receiving healthy snacks, playing with their friends, and participating in community activities, while allowing me to meet the obligations of the job that provides critical financial support for all of us. Without the ASP program, I would be unable to provide for my family and unable to ensure my kids are in a safe and enriching environment after the regular school day ends.

I am concerned that the Governor's proposed level school funding budget would not leave room to fund critical programs like after school. Thousands of Vermont families depend on ASP programs like I do.

I respectfully request that you ensure that Vermont ASP programs receive adequate funding in the state budget. Vermont families are counting on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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