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Calling on the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings investigating the status of after school programs throughout the City of Philadelphia and preparing our students to succeed in a globalized twenty-first century economy.

**WHEREAS**, Participating in after school programs improves students' attendance rates and academic achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Students participating in North Carolina's Young Scholars Program saw a 38% higher rate of promotion to the next grade and received the grade of "F" 50% less than non-participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Truancy and dropout rates among students who regularly engage in after school programs are significantly lower than those of their peers who do not participate; and

**WHEREAS**, Elementary school students in Los Angeles participating in a city-wide after school program called "LA's Best" were 20% less likely to drop out of high school than their unsupervised peers; and

**WHEREAS**, After school programs keep students safe and supervised during high-risk after school hours and reduce the likelihood of juvenile delinquency; and

**WHEREAS**, According to a study by the YMCA, teens who do not participate in after school programs are

three times more likely to use drugs than their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, After school programs help working parents work more hours and better provide for their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Worrying about their children's safety during after school hours can cause parents to miss an average of eight forty-hour work days a year; and

**WHEREAS**, Philadelphia's children need to excel in math, science, and foreign languages in order to succeed in our twenty-first century economy; and

**WHEREAS**, In communities throughout the city too many students are failing to meet statewide education standards; and

**WHEREAS**, American children are struggling overall to perform as well as students from other highly developed nations in math, science, and foreign languages; and

**WHEREAS**, Bold actions need to be taken to ensure our students are safe in the after school hours and prepared to work in a twenty-first century economy; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That the City Council Committee on Education is authorized to hold hearings to investigate the status of after school programs throughout the city of Philadelphia and to make recommendations on making the School District of Philadelphia more globally competitive.