

Before and After School Programs

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WHEREAS, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) believes that the parents and children in Maryland would best be served through a coordinated effort by all those charged with the care of school age children in the state; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education facilities are utilized for many community activities serving as focal points in the lives of school age children in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the need for before and after school child care is a community and business need as well as a school system need; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education have the capability to identify age appropriate education resources for before and after school programs; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education resources are utilized to provide quality instruction for students; and

WHEREAS, before and after school programs should support the formal education of participating children; and

WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act has significantly increased the role of private providers of after school supplemental education services, on and off school premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MABE recommends that boards of education work collaboratively with state and local agencies and private providers to promote high quality, affordable before and after school programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any state or federal mandated program related to before and after school programs be fully funded.