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## California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance Newsletter - January, 2011

Happy New Year from the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance! This group, also known as CA3, was formed in 2009 for the purpose of strengthening and protecting California's publicly funded after-school programs. With the recent cessation of the League of California Afterschool Providers project, CA3 has committed to maintain several of LCAP's key functions, including the dissemination of monthly newsletters and timely alerts regarding policy information that after-school providers need to know. In the coming weeks, the LCAP website will transition to CA3 under its new address, [www.ca3advocacy.org](http://www.ca3advocacy.org).

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### Governor Brown Releases FY 2011/12 Budget Proposal

On January 10, Governor Brown [released](#) his plan for closing a \$25.4 billion budget gap over the next eighteen months. The plan includes \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and relies on \$12 billion in increased tax revenue. The Governor [proposes](#) level spending for education in 2011/12, contingent upon voter approval of higher sales, vehicle and income taxes via a special election in June.



The budget proposes no cuts to after-school funding and does not reference any plan to repeal or amend Proposition 49. State funded child care programs, however, are proposed to be reduced by \$750 million. These savings would be achieved by eliminating services for 11- and 12-year-olds, reducing eligibility to 60% of State Median Income from its current level of 75%, and imposing reductions to subsidy levels across the board.

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### US Senate Spending Bill Sought to Refine Definition of Extended Learning Time

On December 14, the U.S. Senate introduced the FY 2011 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which proposed to increase funding for the 21st CCLC program by \$135 million. The bill also sought to permit states to grant these funds for the purpose of establishing "extended learning time" programs that significantly increase the number of hours in a regular school schedule. After-school advocates were encouraged to see that additional provisions were included to ensure that such programs:

- Offer both academic and enrichment activities
- Require strong partnerships between schools and community partners
- Are not prioritized for funding over traditional after-school programs

Due to political obstacles, however, Senate leadership pulled the bill, opting instead to pass a [Continuing Resolution \(CR\)](#) on December 21 that will maintain current funding levels for after-school programs through March 4, 2011. No language altering the permissible use of funds was included in the CR, so, for the time being, the 21st CCLC program will remain unchanged. However, the advocacy efforts that led to this refined definition of extended learning time will undoubtedly benefit the after-school field during the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization process.

### Congress Passes Child Nutrition Reauthorization

On December 2, the U.S. House of Representatives passed [Senate Bill 3307](#), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, by a largely partisan vote of 264-157. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on December 13. Among other provisions, the law will expand the Afterschool Meal Program from its current scope of 13 states and the District of Columbia to all 50 states. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this will increase the number of after-school meals served from 19 million to 40 million by 2015. [Click here](#) to read the full remarks of the President and First Lady Michelle Obama at the bill signing.

### 29 Freshman Legislators Take Oath of Office

Two State Senators and twenty-seven Members of the State Assembly, nearly one-fourth of the 120 legislative seats, began their first terms of office in the California Legislature on December 6, including:

- AD05 - [Dr. Richard Pan](#) (D-Sacramento)
- AD07 - [Michael Allen](#) (D-Santa Rosa)
- AD09 - [Roger Dickinson](#) (D-Woodlake)
- AD11 - [Susan Bonilla](#) (D-Concord)
- AD20 - [Robert Wieckowski](#) (D-Fremont)
- AD21 - [Richard Gordon](#) (D-Menlo Park)
- AD23 - [Nora Campos](#) (D-San Jose)
- AD25 - [Kristin Olsen](#) (R-Modesto)
- AD28 - [Luis Alejo](#) (D-Watsonville)
- AD29 - [Dr. Linda Halderman](#) (R-Fresno)
- AD30 - [David Valadao](#) (R-Hanford)
- AD31 - [Henry Perea](#) (D-Fresno)
- AD32 - [Shannon Grove](#) (R-Bakersfield)
- AD33 - [Katcho Achadjian](#) (R-Arroyo Grande)
- AD35 - [Das Williams](#) (D-Santa Barbara)

AD37 - [Jeff Gorell](#) (R-Camarillo)  
AD47 - [Holly Mitchell](#) (D-Los Angeles)  
AD50 - [Ricardo Lara](#) (D-Bell Gardens)  
AD53 - [Betsy Butler](#) (D-Los Angeles)  
AD57 - [Roger Hernandez](#) (D-West Covina)  
AD59 - [Tim Donnelly](#) (R-Twin Peaks)  
AD63 - [Mike Morrell](#) (R-Rancho Cucamonga)  
AD68 - [Allan Mansoor](#) (R-Costa Mesa)  
AD70 - [Donald Wagner](#) (R-Irvine)  
AD76 - [Toni Atkins](#) (D-San Diego)  
AD77 - [Brian Jones](#) (R-Santee)  
AD79 - [Ben Hueso](#) (D-San Diego)  
SD12 - [Anthony Cannella](#) (R-Ceres)  
SD16 - [Michael Rubio](#) (D-East Bakersfield)

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### New Education Committee Members Named

On December 15, Assembly Speaker John Pérez announced the membership of both the Assembly Education Committee and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 on Education.

#### Assembly Education Committee

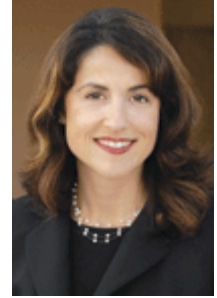
Julia Brownley (D-41), Chair  
Chris Norby (R-72), Vice-Chair  
Tom Ammiano (D-13)  
Joan Buchanan (D-15)  
Betsy Butler (D-53)  
Wilmer Amina Carter (D-62)  
Michael Eng (D-49)  
Jeff Gorell (R-37)  
Linda Halderman (R-29)  
Donald Wagner (R-70)  
Das Williams (D-35)

#### Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 on Education

Susan Bonilla (D-11), Chair  
Bill Berryhill (R-26)  
Julia Brownley (D-41)  
Brian Nestande (R-64)  
Sandré Swanson (D-16)  
Bob Blumenfield (D-40), alternate  
Jim Neilsen (R-2), alternate

On January 7, Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg named [Senator Alan Lowenthal](#) (D-27) Chair of the Senate Education Committee and [Senator Carol Liu](#) (D-21) Chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee #1 on Education. The remaining positions within these committees have not yet been appointed.

## Afterschool Advocate Appointed to Oversee Superintendent's Transition Advisory Team



Jennifer Peck, Executive Director of Partnership for Children and Youth, has been appointed to serve as the Director of Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson's [Transition Advisory Team](#), which will provide strategic advice to the new Superintendent during his initial months in office. Ms. Peck is tasked with ensuring that the work of the group, which includes developing both policy and procedural recommendations for the CDE, is accomplished in a timely and effective manner.

In addition to her coordinating role, she will make specific recommendations regarding after-school programs, school health services, community schools, and summer learning. "The Superintendent has maintained a long-standing commitment to after-school programs," Peck said, "and it is among his highest priorities to make certain that grantees and program operators are well-supported during his administration."

In consultation with other CA3 members and informed by LCAP's recent policy agenda meetings, the following important policy issues will be presented for the department's consideration:

- Weekend activity flexibility for ASES programs
- Clarifying intent language in the State Audit Guide regarding minimum attendance requirements
- Allocation of reasonable administrative allotments for sub-contracted program providers
- Flexible eligibility criteria for new schools applying for after-school funding
- Policies regarding grant adjustments for under-subscription



## CA3 Members Join to Form Lobbying Coalition

Ten members of the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance formed a coalition to retain the lobbying services of Rose & Kindel, represented by [Rand Martin](#). Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Martin served as Chief of Staff to State Senator John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara). He is well-acquainted with after-school policy issues, having served a variety of after-school providers and advocates over the last ten years. The agencies currently participating in the coalition are:

[After-School All-Stars](#)  
[Bay Area Community Resources](#)  
[California School-Age Consortium](#)  
[LA's BEST](#)  
[Partnership for Children and Youth](#)

[Pro-Youth HEART](#)  
[Team-Up for Youth](#)  
[THINK Together](#)  
[Woodcraft Rangers](#)  
[A World Fit for Kids](#)

To view a full list of agencies participating in CA3, [click here](#).

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