



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE BOSTON 02133-1054

October 23, 2018

Governor Charlie Baker  
Office of the Governor  
State House, Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker,

As co-chairs of the Afterschool and Out-of-School Time Coordinating Council, established pursuant to Chapter 254 of the Acts of 2012, we are pleased to present the final report of the Coordinating Council titled, *"Recommendations of the Afterschool and Out-of-School Time Coordinating Council: A Report on the Importance of Afterschool and Summer Learning."*

This report is the result of six years' worth of hard work by this fifteen-person Council which, since its inception in 2012, was tasked with researching resources and evidence-based strategies that best support children and youth in the Commonwealth during their out-of-school hours. The Council has received input from Massachusetts departments that serve children, youth, and families; diverse community-based organizations; local, state, and national experts; government officials; and afterschool and summer learning educators.

In this report, the Council has gathered and documented current research in afterschool and summer learning that demonstrates the importance of investing in the whole child, both in school and when out of school. This report includes recommendations on how to achieve success for the children and youth in the Commonwealth and on how to design a system of supports for programs that allow for more children to be served in the afterschool space and to heighten the quality of programming that is available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brendan P. Crighton".

Brendan P. Crighton  
State Senator  
3<sup>rd</sup> Essex District

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer E. Benson".

Jennifer E. Benson  
State Representative  
37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District

cc: The Honorable William F. Welch, *Senate Clerk*  
The Honorable Steven T. James, *House Clerk*  
The Honorable Joan B. Lovely, *Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means*  
The Honorable Jeffrey Sánchez, *Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means*  
The Honorable Sonia Chang-Díaz, *Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education*  
The Honorable Alice Hanlon Peisch, *House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education*