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Legislative History: Community Schools, Healthy Start and Summer Learning

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The following legislative history offers an overview of state legislation related to community schools. The Healthy Start program represents California's investment to date in the community schools approach. California has also made a significant investment in after school enrichment programs – a critical component in community school efforts. An examination of the need for a similar investment in summer enrichment programs was launched in just the past couple of years.

1991

Healthy Start Support Services for Children Act

SB 620 established a grant program through the California Department of Education to provide seed-funding to local education agencies (LEAs) for planning and initial operation of local interagency collaboratives charged with ensuring that children are ready and able to learn by more efficiently and effectively delivering health and human services.

2006

Senate Bill 638

SB 638 significantly revised Proposition 49, the After School Education and Safety Act (ASES). Proposition 49 expanded California's existing after school grant program from \$122 million to a guaranteed \$550 million annually.

The revisions accomplished through Senate Bill 638 included: prioritizing funding for schools serving high numbers of children from low-income families; increasing the daily per child rate and maximum grant amounts; and reforming the evaluation system so that developmental and social outcomes are valued alongside academic outcomes.

2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134

ACR 134 established the Legislative Task Force on Summer and Intersession Enrichment. The measure requires the task force to take various actions related to studying ways to provide summer enrichment and wellness programs to low-income children. On November 29, 2010, the Task Force ratified its findings and recommendations for submission to the Governor, the Legislature and the Superintendent of Public Instruction (The Findings and Recommendations document can be found on the Partnership for Children and Youth's website at <http://www.partnerforchildren.org/what-we-do/advocacy-and-policy/legislative-task-force/summer-task-force-documents>).

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2010

Senate Bill 798

SB 798 will provide much-needed funding to summer learning programs for low-income children throughout California. The source of the newly established summer-program funding stream is California's federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (21st CCLC) dollars. Senate Bill 798 will help to optimize California's distribution of 21st CCLC dollars by redirecting a currently underutilized portion of the federal funds to summer-learning and enrichment programs.