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America After 3PM survey results released, Nebraskan's strongly support afterschool programs.

<u>America After 3PM 2020</u>, a study commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance and conducted by Edge Research, is based on survey responses from more than 30,000 American households, including 395 in-depth interviews in Nebraska. It was completed before the coronavirus pandemic struck. It finds overwhelming satisfaction with afterschool programs among parents, but there's still a significant need for programming for Nebraska students.

"We are excited to learn of the depth and breadth of support Nebraskan's have for afterschool programs that this report identifies," said Jeff Cole, Network Lead of Beyond School Bells, a statewide initiative of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. "*America After 3PM 2020* finds incredibly strong support for afterschool programs among Nebraska parents, with 93% saying they are satisfied with the program their child attends. Also encouraging is the overwhelming support for public funding of afterschool, with 92% of Nebraska parents expressing their support. That's a strong foundation that we will build on. Students and families need afterschool programs now more than ever, since the pandemic has changed school schedules, disrupted our economy, and put many children and youth at risk. We are calling on lawmakers, businesses and others to help us make afterschool programs more available to students and families here in Nebraska."

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Visit <u>Beyond School Bells' website</u> for a full review of the <u>Nebraska After 3PM</u> survey results.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at <u>www.afterschoolalliance.org</u>.