

Sample Email from Program to Families: Ask Your Principal to Partner with Afterschool For Reopening

Dear [PARENT],

This school year has been and will continue to be challenging and unpredictable. Many of our afterschool families will need extra help with a blended learning schedule so parents can return to work. Some families will need help with remote school requirements. Others need support so their kids can catch up on the learning they've lost or reconnect after months of being isolated.

We want to be here to support your family and our community--to ensure that every child is safe, engaged and learning every day. But we can't do that without strong partnerships between our schools and afterschool programs.

Will you help us make sure our school leaders know how much families need afterschool programs?

If we work together, schools and afterschool programs can help meet our children's academic, social and emotional needs, keep them safe and healthy, and help parents get back to work.

Please email your child's principal to ask that your school include afterschool programs in their reopening plans. You may use the template below to email your principal today!

Thank you for your support,

[Afterschool Provider]

Sample email from parents to principals

A sample email you can send to your child's principal to request that your school partner with afterschool programs for reopening. You may use the exact template below or adapt the language to explain why afterschool matters to your family.

Find your principal's email [here](#).

Principal [NAME],

Thank you for your hard work supporting our children and school community during this difficult time. I know you face a great challenge in planning for reopening, and appreciate your efforts to

help keep students and staff safe while supporting learning. As a [mom/dad/other], I too am struggling with what may come ahead. I worry about my child's health, education, and [his/her/their] social and emotional well-being. I am also very concerned about our family, and how hard it's been to fully support my child's distance learning.

That is why I am asking you to make afterschool programs part of our school's reopening plans. For our family, like many others, afterschool programs have been a lifeline, keeping [my child's name] safe while I am at work, and helping my child learn and grow.

I know we all share deep concerns for our children. Please, let's involve afterschool partners to help provide the support our children need to emerge from this crisis hopeful, confident, and resilient.

Mahalo,