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Ohio Afterschool Network (OAN)

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Ohio Afterschool Network (OAN) extends Gratitude to Battelle for $50,000 Investment in Ohio's Out-of-School Time Programs

[Columbus, Ohio] –Ohio Afterschool Network, a statewide leader advocating for quality out of school time programs, would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to Battelle for their generous investment of $50,000 to support professional development initiatives for Ohio's out-of-school time programs. This significant contribution will have a transformative impact on the lives of countless students across the state.

Out-of-school time programs play a crucial role in enhancing educational opportunities for students beyond regular school hours. These programs provide a safe and enriching environment where young minds can explore their passions, develop valuable skills, and receive additional academic support. The commitment shown by Battelle to invest in the professional development of the dedicated professionals working in these programs is commendable and reflects their unwavering commitment to the future of Ohio's youth.

The $50,000 investment from Battelle will be utilized to establish a comprehensive professional development framework, empowering out-of-school time program staff with the necessary tools, knowledge, and resources to excel in their roles. By investing in the development of these professionals, Battelle is ensuring that students in Ohio have access to high-quality and impactful out-of-school experiences, nurturing their personal growth and academic success.

Battelle's continued support for education and commitment to empowering Ohio's youth aligns closely with OAN's mission of supporting high quality out of school time programs for Ohio's youth and teens. Both organizations share a common vision of creating a brighter future through the advancement of knowledge and the nurturing of talent. This collaborative effort will undoubtedly make a profound difference in the lives of countless young learners, equipping them with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

OAN extends its deepest appreciation to Battelle for their generous investment in Ohio's out-of-school time programs. This partnership exemplifies the power of organizations working together to make a lasting impact on the lives of young people. We are confident that this investment will yield remarkable results, benefitting not only the students but also the broader community and the state of Ohio as a whole.

About OAN:
The Ohio Afterschool Network plays a vital role in ensuring that Ohio's youth have access to high-quality afterschool programs that support their academic, social, and emotional

development. By fostering collaboration, advocating for policy changes, and providing professional development, OAN contributes to creating a robust afterschool landscape in Ohio that positively impacts the lives of youth and teens and strengthens communities statewide.

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