



Key Advocacy Dates for 2010

February 2	President's Budget Released
February 15– 21*	President's Day Recess <i>Invite Members of Congress to visit your programs and showcase the positive impacts afterschool programs have on children.</i>
April 5 – 18*	Spring Recess <i>Meet with your elected officials and urge them to increase afterschool funding once they begin the appropriations process.</i>
April 19 – 21	Afterschool for All Challenge <i>Come to Washington, D.C. for afterschool workshops and meetings on Capitol Hill with your Members of Congress.</i>
May 29 – June 6*	Memorial Day Recess <i>Invite officials to visit your programs to talk to the children about their jobs and what they do to keep your community safe.</i>
May - September	Key Vote-Congress Works on Appropriations <i>Call, write and fax your Senators and Representative. Organize the entire community to call and write letters to their Members of Congress asking for an increase in federal funding for afterschool.</i>
June 26 – July 6*	Independence Day Recess <i>Invite your Members of Congress to visit your program and celebrate Independence Day with your students.</i>
June 21	Summer Learning Day <i>Invite district offices to participate in a summer learning day event. See www.summerlearning.org for more information.</i>
August 9 – September 7	August Recess <i>Meet with your Senators and Representatives in their district offices or invite them to visit your afterschool or summer program</i>
September - October	Key Vote - House & Senate Conference on Appropriations Bills, Send to President <i>Call, fax and write to Congress and President Obama! Make sure they hear how important afterschool programs are to kids in your community and across the country!</i>
October 1	Fiscal year 2010 begins <i>Start a letter writing campaign to the White House urging an increase in funding for afterschool programs in FY 2012.</i>

* Tentative recess dates, subject to change.