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Unprecedented \$11.9 Million Awarded To Cincinnati Afterschool Programs, Expanding CincyAfterSchool To 28 Sites

July, 2009 – Lauded in a recent visit by Assistant Deputy Education Secretary Jim Shelton, Cincinnati Public Schools and its CincyAfterSchool partners just got word of the single largest boost to develop local schools as Community Learning Centers. The Ohio Department of Education just awarded CPS and its CincyAfterSchool partners fourteen five-year grants totaling \$11.9 million allowing academic, enrichment and family-support afterschool programs to be expanded to 28 CPS sites.

CincyAfterSchool is a network led by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati that includes many area nonprofit partners providing extended learning opportunities for public school students. At each CPS site, asset-based afterschool programming is provided for up to 125 children and their families during the academic year and summer. Programming includes tutoring/mentoring; technology skills development; career exploration; service learning; leadership training; health and wellness; global literacy; and fine arts.

The most recent grants were given to CincyAfterSchool partners – the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati Public Schools, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, and the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati.

“This 5 year funding renewal from the Department of Education affirms that the partnership of strong community organizations working with schools, teachers and parents all on behalf of students is meaningful and showing strong results. The YMCA is committed to ensuring all kids get what they need to succeed in school and in life. This collaboration is one of the most impactful ways we serve children today.” Sandy Walker, president/CEO, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.

While statistics are currently being analyzed for 2008 to 2009 school year, 46.6% of students last year in CincyAfterSchool had an increase in reading test scores; 45% had an increase in math scores; and 93.6% said they plan to go to college. The data supports U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan’s vision for lengthening the school day with nonprofit partners that offer programming designed to strengthen families and neighborhoods.

With the most recent grants, NEW CincyAfterSchool sites will include Frederick Douglass School, Roberts Paideia Academy, Rothenberg Preparatory Academy, Sayler Park School, William H. Taft School, and Woodward Career Technical High School. The original eight sites that have been renewed include Ethel M. Taylor Academy, Hays-Porter School, Oylar School, Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, Riverview East Academy, Rockdale Academy, South Avondale School and Winton Hills Academy.

CincyAfterSchool sites in year two or three of their five year grant period include Academy of World Languages, Carson School, Chase School, Hoffman-Parham School, Hughes Center School, John P. Parker School, Mt. Airy School, Pleasant Hill Academy, Reese E. Price Academy, Roll Hill Academy, Shroder High School, Silverton Paideia Academy, Westwood School, Winton Montessori School.

For more information about CincyAfterSchool, the public can visit www.cincyafterschool.org or contact the Community Services YMCA, the YMCA branch overseeing CincyAfterSchool, at 513-961-3200.

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