



To the Parent Teacher Association:

We need your help! Did you know that the availability and accessibility of afterschool programs will drastically reduce next school year?

We are The Opp Project LLC, also known as The Opportunity Project, and we have been collaborating with Tulsa Public Schools for the past three school years to ensure equitable access to afterschool and summer school programming for all youth. As Tulsa's Out-of-School Time (OST) Intermediary, we facilitate connections between learning partners such as Global Gardens, Sistema Tulsa, Gaining Ground, SWAT Meet, and others to deliver high-quality programs after school and during Ready. Set. Summer! We also compensate teachers and support staff to lead clubs. Currently, we are supporting expanded learning initiatives across 63 schools. This expansion was funded primarily by COVID relief packages, including Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

**This school year, youth had access to over free 450 afterschool programs. That number will decrease to 75 next school year as ESSER funds run out in October 2024.**

This reduction in programming will have ripple effects across our community, and will directly impact the families of 3,970 youth in Tulsa who currently access these programs. Working families often count on afterschool programs to fill the time gap between school dismissal and parental work with safe, enriching, high-quality programming. Our community stands to be directly impacted by this change, leaving thousands of students without enriching programming and potentially unsupervised for hours each day.

As part of our advocacy work, we have learned that many in our community are unaware of the potential significant loss in expanded learning opportunities. We need your help to spread the word to your school community, to parents and families, and to your larger networks.

We have put together a simple and free Advocacy Toolkit on our website that can be accessed at [theopp.org/advocacytoolkit](https://theopp.org/advocacytoolkit) or via the QR code below. Consider including information from our toolkit in your newsletters, online, on social media, and in any other format you are able.

We will be more than happy to field any questions you have at all. Please reach out anytime to [info@theopp.org](mailto:info@theopp.org) at any time.

Thank you for your consideration.

With gratitude,

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