

March 3, 2014

Assemblymember Ian Calderon
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Re: Support for AB 1879

The Honorable Ian Calderon,

THINK Together, California's largest non-profit provider of publicly funded expanded learning programs, applauds your efforts to recognize the significant contributions of after-school programs and facilitate stronger partnerships with local education agencies by ensuring that they are consulted during the development of each school district's Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Effective coordination between the instructional program and expanded learning time is a critical component in improving academic outcomes for students. The bill you have authored, Assembly Bill 1879, would guarantee that after-school providers have a seat at the table along with other key stakeholders in a local education community.

With over 4,400 After School Education and Safety programs across California, serving over 400,000 students, these program providers comprise an important constituency whose input is essential in the development of local accountability plans that will benefit students throughout their entire learning day.

We offer our enthusiastic support for AB 1879, and stand ready to be of assistance as it is shepherded through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Randy Barth
Founder and CEO

cc: Lerna Kayserian Shirinian