



EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PROPOSAL

Request a specific appropriation project for \$500,000 to expand on the success of providing after school activities to ensure students are part of a safe and secure after school environment.

Present Situation and Rationale

- The goal of this initiative is to enhance access to highly structured before- and after-school opportunities for Lee County students, particularly those facing academic challenges who hail from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. We intend to forge partnerships with non-profit organizations, community groups, and existing school-based programs in the community.

Impact of Proposed Change

- This initiative will provide students with a safe space and the support they need to extend their academic journey beyond school hours. Ultimately, the program would accelerate student achievement through supplemental academic support, not just in the short term, but for years to come.

Historical Perspective

- Historically, a segment of low socioeconomic students with high academic needs remains at home after school. This vulnerable time often leaves students unengaged and unsupervised, which can have detrimental consequences to their educational development.

Fiscal Impact

- The requested \$500,000 will help cover tuition costs and program fees for eligible students. The funds will be directly disbursed to partnering organizations, ensuring transparency and accountability in the allocation of resources.

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