



# Task Force for Universal Afterschool Access

December 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

### Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**Call In: 1-802-552-8456**

**Conference ID: 904 484 381#**

*Per H.969 of 2020, Sec. B.1120.1, a [Task Force for Universal Afterschool Access](#) was created to consider and make recommendations on the framework for, the costs of, and related long-term funding sources for access to universal afterschool programs.*

Members: Representative Kelly Pajala; Senator Perchlik; Secretary French, Agency of Education; Jess DeCarolis, Director, Agency of Education; Geoffrey T. Pippenger, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families; Chelsea Myers, Associate Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association; Sandra Cameron, Director of Public Policy, Vermont School Boards Association; Erin Maguire (Essex-Westford School District), Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators; Matthew DeBlois, (Vergennes Union Elementary School), Vermont Principals' Association; Mark Tashjian, Chair, Council of Independent Schools; Retta Dunlap, a representative of Vermont Home Study programs; David Woolpy, Executive Director, Vermont Boys and Girls Clubs of Rutland County; Heather Moore (Franklin County), Afterschool Program Representative; Carrie McDonnell (Windsor/Orange County), Afterschool Program Representative; Christy Gallese (Chittenden County), Afterschool Program Representative; and Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

**4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.: Call to Order, Roll Call/Introductions/Amendments to Agenda**

**4:10 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Reimbursement**

- Task Force members who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to [32 V.S.A. § 1010](#) for not more than six meetings.
- For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the Task Force serving in his or her capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to [2 V.S.A. § 406](#) for not more than six meetings.

**4:15 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.: Election of Chair**

**4:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Opportunity for Public to be Heard**

**4:30 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.: Review Charges of the Task Force (expiration date of April 16, 2021)**

- 1) map existing afterschool programs and highlight gaps in access and equity, including equity for Vermonters with disabilities;
- 2) recommend, as part of the framework, best practices and key evidence-based strategies to maximize health and substance abuse prevention and shall consult with the Substance Misuse Prevention and Advisory Council;
- 3) consider the [report entitled “Closing the Gap in Vermont: The Expanded Learning Opportunities \(ELO\) Special Fund,”](#) dated November 2015, issued by the Working Group on Expanded Learning Opportunities of Vermont’s PreK–16 Council;
- 4) review the status and results of the Afterschool for All Grant Program administered by the Department for Children and Families;
- 5) in exploring funding sources, the Task Force shall prefer solutions that do not draw upon the State’s Education Fund and shall explore the possibility of using potential revenue from the taxation and regulation of cannabis; and
- 6) submit a written report to the Governor and the House and Senate Committees on Education with its findings and recommendations on or before April 15, 2021.

**4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Other**

**5:00 p.m.: Adjourn**