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To: All YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit Afterschool partners  
From: Abigail Sacco, Executive Director of Afterschool & Day Camp  
Date: May 7, 2020  
Re: Before and Afterschool Operations 2020-2021 School Year

Dear Afterschool Partners,

As the events, policies, and procedures evolve during the current Coronavirus Pandemic, the YMCA is in the process of collecting data from our communities, including members, program participants, and partners. The safety of the communities we serve is our first priority, like many community organizations, businesses, and school districts.

While the events at hand are fluid, we want to offer support to your students, participants of the Afterschool program or not, to the best of our ability. We are aware that many school districts are currently adapting and scaffolding student learning tools and environments to best meet the needs of their student populations.

For our summer programs, we are following guidelines provided by the CDC, American Camping Council, and State of Michigan's licensed childcare standards to ensure the safety of our campers and staff members. Additionally, our summer curriculum is age-appropriate and common core aligned in the subject of Mathematics and English/Language Arts. While safety is our first priority, we also aim to provide students with additional academic support that may have been missed while in-person schooling ceased, along with outdoor education, social emotional learning, and more to ensure all students continue to have a fun and engaging summer.

The Y, as a valuable partner, is willing to offer supplemental support while we adjust to the current climate and establish a new normal. As the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has been meeting needs in the community for almost 170 years.

As you continue to plan for the 2020-2021 school year, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

In good health,

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