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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing "Lights on Afterschool Day 2018"

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Lights on Afterschool is a nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. The Afterschool Alliance organizes Lights on Afterschool to draw attention to the ways afterschool programs support children by offering them opportunities to learn new things and discover new skills. The events celebrated at afterschool sites across the nation send a powerful message that kids benefit from and need quality afterschool programs.

This year, Lights on Afterschool is celebrated on Thursday, October 25. Nationwide, cities and towns have joined the official celebration by issuing proclamations recognizing the importance of accessible, quality afterschool programs in their communities.

Eastside Pathways is a community-wide partnership that works collectively to attain better outcomes for children, cradle to career. Members of the Eastside Pathways Out of School Time Collaborative, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District, the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services, Kids Quest Museum, the King County Library System, and the Bellevue Family YMCA have committed to creating activities celebrating Lights on Afterschool on October 25 and to continue to provide quality afterschool and summer programs in the community.