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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director, 452-5213  
*Parks & Community Services*

SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing "Lights on Afterschool Day 2019"

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 way's 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 celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Nationwide, cities and towns have joined the official celebration by issuing proclamations recognizing the importance of accessible, quality afterschool programs in their communities. Governor Jay Inslee has issued a statewide proclamation recognizing the importance of afterschool programs and activities to children, families and 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, Samena Club and the Bellevue Family YMCA have committed to creating activities celebrating Lights on Afterschool on October 24 and to continue to provide quality afterschool and summer programs in the community.