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## Demand for Afterschool Programs Grows

Afterschool programs are critical for working parents to recover economically from this pandemic crisis. Parent satisfaction is at an all-time high of 94%.

This is a moment to make positive change.

## Colorado AeroLab 5th Day Programs: 2018-2021

Colorado AeroLab provides 5th Day programs for North Park (Walden), South Routt (Oak Creek) and West Grand (Kremmling) School Districts. Combined, these small rural schools serve a total of 864 students in grades PK-12.

Afterschool and 5th Day Friday programs have significantly increased the capacity in these school districts to provide academic support and enrichment, healthy meals for students and day care options for working parents. Funded by a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, CAL has brought these resources to northwestern Colorado:

- \$1.5 million worth of out-of-school learning opportunities
- 43 jobs for teachers and staff
- 950 students served
- 56% of all students impacted
- 9 High School internships
- 6000+ hours of enrichment programming
- 180,000+ contact points with students and families
- Improved student achievement, attendance, and engagement at the regular school

## Quality of Life and Personal Well-Being

Students and parents agree that 5th Day programs made a strong impact on their academic success, social-emotional well-being, and overall quality of life in their communities.

- 92% of students shared that 5<sup>th</sup> Day had a strong, positive impact for them personally.
- 70% improved relationships with their teachers, particularly the 5<sup>th</sup> Day instructors.
- 85% said participation in 5<sup>th</sup> Day made them more excited to be in school and that it helped them do better on attendance and homework.
- 90% of parents would recommend 5th Day programs to others.