



## **Statement from BASEC Board of Directors on Belmont After School Programming**

March 27, 2018

The Belmont After School Enrichment Collaborative (BASEC) Board of Directors is aware that there is concern that BASEC's intentions around the after school crisis is an effort to 'take over' programs in a hostile or aggressive way. As after school parents ourselves, we recognize the pride that comes with a beloved program and understand the urge to defend something perceived to be under attack.

As we recently noted in a statement on our website [[viewed here](#)], we believe a comprehensive plan led by Belmont Public Schools will

- Provide broadest, most equitable access to programming;
- Be most cost-effective for families;
- Keep as many students as possible in programs at their neighborhood schools, where individual needs can best be met;
- Foster alignment with school values and enhance communication with school faculty, so that our out-of-school time programs are a part of the network of support aimed at positive student outcomes.

The facts as outlined by Superintendent Phelan in his March 26th email to parents is precisely BASEC's understanding of the facts and situation, and we thank the Superintendent for being proactive and offering this clarity to the community. We will continue the constructive conversations with the other **after school** programs, the Belmont Public Schools, ad-hoc parent groups, and the dozens of concerned individual parents and caregivers united in a common and collaborative desire to provide the best services for Belmont families. We look forward to helping find a solution.