

Molokai Middle School student testimonies in support of SB 980 for REACH after school program funding. Molokai Middle School currently receives REACH funding and has been a recipient since SY 2013 – 2014.

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1. “It is good for student’s to have after school classes because it makes kids stay off the streets.” Koa Ritte-Camara Tongonan; 7th grader
2. “After school programs help students finish homework because some students do not have homework help at home and it helps build other skills that are needed in life.” Kaluhea Fay Dudoit; 7th grader
3. “It is important to have an after school program because it helps kids to stay active and gives help to students that need more help than others.” Noel Tancayo
4. “After school programs are needed to help students learn character building skills, study or do homework, and learn new things that you never did before.” Channon Bush; 7th grader
5. “After school programs are needed to help students like myself get a chance to improve on my skills. Skills that have been taught to me by friends and the after school staff. I have been taught the values to be a better person, student, and son. Values like being confident and to show character. I cherish my time here.” Isaiah Sahagun; 8th grader
6. “In the after school program students grow and have fun and not be lazy and lonely and it makes us kids be educated and enjoy ourselves. Kids who come here are always doing things, it’s not just a place that helps with homework, but much more. There is sports, cooking, art, robotics, and much more. Please help us, it is a good cause.” Claudia Keanini; 7th grader
7. “The after school program is a place to learn, help students do homework, have fun activities, and make your own decisions.” Jerry Mar Agcaoili; 8th grader
8. “The after school program helps students learn and stay out of trouble when their parents are at work. We do fun activities afterschool and finish our homework and get help.” Domenic Bumatay; 7th grader
9. “It helps me by not being a couch potato in the future and helps me finish all my homework. It builds my sports and helps me by making me a better person.” Ikaia Samuel Purdy; 7th grader
10. “It help you learn and keep you out of trouble and have fun.” Sallybert Agcaoili; 7th grader
11. “The after school program helps me finish my homework, play games, and learn character skills every day.” Kaipo Demello-Galam; 7th grader
12. “The after school program helps me finish my homework, play activities, build skills, learn to cook, build healthy relationships, learn character building skills, and more. If

we keep up the program for REACH, we will have brighter futures and can help others on the way.” Zahya Dudoit; 8th grader

13. “Please give money to this after school program because it has helped me get my homework done, get better at sports, and taught me new things in cooking class. I also think it prevents suicide because the staff are understanding and trusting towards the kids.” Moani Pedro; 7th grader
14. “We need after school programs because they help us finish our work, build skills, values, and learn to have respect, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. It also prevents drug use and violence which is why we need the support.” Keahe Ross; 7th grader
15. “Can you help fund the after school program for middle schools. If it wasn’t for our afterschool program I would probably be at home not being active. I am very active in the program here.” Kuulei De Costa-Parks; 7th grader
16. “During REACH you finish your home work, you can learn or build skills like sportsmanship and teamwork. It also prevents students from making bad choices.” Shylene Paleka; 7th grader
17. “After school programs are needed to help students learn new things. It also allows them to get involved with positive activities and keeps us from getting into not so positive activities. Going to the program helps me not only have fun but learn new things and keeps me busy.” Sanoe Perez; 7th grader
18. “The programs are needed to help students build special skills, finish/improve homework, and provides good behavior like responsibility, respectfulness, and sportsmanship. It also prevents bad choices like drugs, bullying, and suicide.” Maria Angst; 7th grader
19. “The program helped me build skills and do teamwork and respect.” Torae Kawaauhau-Pua’a; 7th grader
20. “Without the program I wouldn’t be able to do things because I would never try. They have good standards to follow and it helps me stay active. It also helped me with my grades.” Trishalynn Keanini; 7th grader
21. “After school programs are needed to help students 1. Build skills such as cooking. 2. Prevent us kids from making bad choices. 3. Helping us to make better choices and become better people in the future.” Keren Poole; 8th grader
22. “The program helps me finish homework, have activities, build skills, have respect, learn our values, teach us teamwork. It can help prevent bad choices like being lazy.” Pono Sagario; 7th grader
23. “The after school program is needed to help students finish their work and help students stay out of trouble. It helps students learn values in life and helps make you a better person and have fun.” Meleana Pa Kala; 8th grader

Thank you for your support of SB 980 and funding of the REACH after school programs.

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SB 980 Testimony: REACH Program

I support REACH funding for the UpLink After-school program at Molokai Middle School. I have been an UpLink instructor for years, but with the expansion of programs at the middle school during the regular school day, we have had to expand the programs to support the regular school day after school in UpLink. Before REACH funds were used, I would coach Music, Ukulele, and Volleyball Boys and Girls. With the addition of REACH funds, I can now coach VEX IQ Robotics, Science Olympiad Bridges, Science Olympiad RoboCross, Science Olympiad Air Trajectory, Science Olympiad Rotor Egg Drop, and Science Olympiad Boomilever. In addition, REACH has supported travel expenses for these additional programs providing greater student participation in off-island tournaments on Maui and Oahu. Without these additional REACH funds, our Molokai students would be deprived of all the events and competitions that are very normal and inclusive for schools and students on Oahu and Maui. Specifically, REACH funds have helped to send the Molokai Middle School VEX IQ Robotics team to last year's State Championship Tournament, which led to MMS going to the VEX World's Championships in Anaheim, California. This year's REACH has funded robotics travel to the 2015 aio Aloha VEX IQ Qualifying Tournament on Oahu in January. Our students have truly been blessed by the added after-school classes, tournaments, and travel funds that REACH brings to our UpLink program. Please continue to support and fund the REACH program in SB 980.

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1. “REACH funding of our after school program for Science Olympiad has helped me in the following ways: I am able to understand and drive the electric robot . I am also involved in extra-curricular activities and able to play sports.” Crystal Nakihei; 8th grader
2. “The after school program has helped me collaborate with the teacher and students, have time to practice our learning, and provides snacks and supplies,” Kobelynn Bounlangsy; 8th grader
3. “The after school program has given me extra practice building time for robotics. We get food so I don’t have to build on an empty stomach and have a ride home.” Marion Powell; 8th grader
4. “The REACH funding of our Science Olympiad has helped me have a better understanding of engineering. It is helping me in finding a possible career path while spending time with my peers.” Taye Mowat; 8th grader
5. “Being in the after school program and Science Olympiad has helped me practice more, cooperate with others, and work together as a team.” Mary Rose Ringor; 8th grader
6. “REACH funding of Science Olympiad gives us more practice, time to bond with each other, and time to do sports.” Acey Reyes; 8th grader
7. “The after school program has helped me have a better understanding of teamwork, sportsmanship, and to become a better person in my character. I am having fun with school events.” Cameryn Kahalewai; 8th grader
8. “I learn more and exceed in school because the after school program made me more open to new things. I am able to also do my favorite sports.” Kaitlin DeRouin; 8th grader
9. “REACH funding of our VEX Robotics after school class has helped me practice my driving skills, bond with my team mates, and go to competitions.” Kawohi Duvauchelle; 8th grader
10. “The after school program lets us get together as a full team because we don’t get to do that during the school day and gives us more time to do our VEX Robotics matches.” Makani Davis; 8th grader
11. “The VEX Robotics class has helped me learn and sharpen my skills, learn life skills, and is a fun after school activity.” Kodie Place; 8th grader
12. “I am a driver for the robot on my VEX Robotic team, play sports, and learn more because of the after school program.” Petey Keliihoomalu; 8th grader
13. “REACH funding of after school has helped me to have more time to practice and finish my work and projects in Science Olympiads, Bridges, and school assignments. I also have fun and play sports.” Mary Grace Ringor; 8th grader

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