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MUNICIPAL LEADERS DISCUSS CHALLENGES FACING CITIES AND TOWNS WITH STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Jim Rex, State Superintendent of Education addresses mayors and business leaders at statewide conference.

Columbia, South Carolina – On Monday, September 21, 2009, the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance (SCAA) will host a special conversation with State Superintendent, Jim Rex, and municipal and business leaders from across the state of South Carolina at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, South Carolina from 10:30am – 12:00pm. Participants will discuss economic and social issues that have an impact on student achievement, how to build partnerships among communities and local schools and ways in which after school programs provide the support needed to address challenges facing cities and towns of South Carolina.

“This special event is the beginning of a larger conversation about how education, municipal and community leaders can prepare children and youth to lead in the 21st Century. After school programs are uniquely situated to provide the necessary resources to prevent childhood and adolescent obesity, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and assist in the development of the future workforce,” said Zelda Waymer, Executive Director of the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance.

The event is sponsored by the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance, National League of Cities: Institute for Youth Education and Families, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and United States Chamber of Commerce: Institute for a Competitive Workforce.

The South Carolina Afterschool Alliance (SCAA) is a statewide network of after school providers devoted to improving quality of services. The SCAA is a resource and advocate for approximately one thousand (1000) school, community, non-profit and faith-based after school programs representing approximately more than one hundred ninety thousand (190,000) South Carolinians. For more information about the 8th Annual Statewide After School Conference, please call 866-237-5454 or visit www.scafterschool.com

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