



## Bay Area Youth-Led Candidate Forum

Monday, October 15, 2018

*Organizational Partners*



**The Bay City Public Schools' 21st Century After-School Program** provides students with academic support, math and homework tutoring, and academic enrichment. The Afterschool Program also provides students with technology, art, cooking and life skills, team sport programs, and field trips. During the summer, the 21st Century Afterschool Program, provides students with a free Summer Program that promotes academic achievement over the summer months. <https://baycitycentral.com/parents-students/cclc-after-school-program>

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

**The Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Region** has a mission to “inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizen.” The Boys and

Girls club provides a safe place for students after school by providing a fun environment where they can build character and develop life skills. <https://www.boysandgirlsclubsglbr.com/>

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## SPARKS

**The Clare-Gladwin RESD SPARKS program** offers students in Beaverton, Clare, Coleman, Farwell, Harrison and Meridian schools after-school homework help, tutoring, and enrichment activities. These enhance the school day curriculum and focus on the development of character and leadership. SPARKS also provides students opportunities to participate in community service projects and educational fieldtrips.

<https://www.cgresd.net/domain/51>

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**Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance** is a four county alliance working to build regional strength to encourage, support, and celebrate regional collaborative and initiatives that improve the Great Lakes Bay Region to improve the future of the individual and the community. <http://greatlakesbay.com/>

<http://stemecosystems.org/ecosystem/great-lakes-bay-regional-stem-initiative/>

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**The ROCK Center for Youth Development** is a teen-focused organization that helps youth succeed and thrive. We are an independent, inclusive, non-profit who provides developmental education, after school programs, and community-based activities for middle and high school students. Our goal is to build tangible life skills, instill confidence and sense of belonging, and encourages

healthy life choices and relationships in our teens. <https://www.therockc4yd.org/>

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Twenty-five years ago, Bay Area youth were empowered with an endowment fund they could call their own. The **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)** distributes grants from an endowed fund at the Bay Area Community Foundation to causes important to the youth in our community.

<http://bayfoundation.org>

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**The Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP)** is a statewide afterschool network focused on actively engaging and educating key decision makers in support of effective school and community based afterschool and summer programs that provide opportunities so that all students reach their full potential and are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. [www.miafterschool.org](http://www.miafterschool.org)  
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*Public policy  
in the best interest  
of children.*

**Michigan's Children** is the only statewide, multi-issue advocacy organization focused solely on public policy in the best interest of children from cradle to career and their

families. We have been creating opportunities for young people and caregivers to share their stories, concerns and suggestions directly with policymakers since 1996. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, our forums are presented as a non-partisan activity.

<http://www.michiganschildren.org/>

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