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THOUSANDS OF SASF STUDENTS CELEBRATE “LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL” WITH PERFORMANCES, ACTIVITIES AND OPEN HOUSES

SASF PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY RALLY PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF AFTER-SCHOOL MOVEMENT

Woodside, Queens – The Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF), a leading provider of after-school and summer programming for NYC public school students, celebrated the “Lights On Afterschool” national day of advocacy on October 22nd with music and dance performances, arts exhibitions and open houses for parents and community members at over 50 of SASF’s after-school programs throughout the city. With thousands of students participating, SASF may have been the largest program provider joining in “Lights On” festivities in the nation!

Highlights from SASF’s Lights On Afterschool celebrations included: a jazz band, choral and dance showcase at I.S. 51 in Staten Island; a Capoeira Brazilian dance and percussion performance at I.S. 125 in Woodside, Queens; a hands-on science fair with take-home souvenirs at I.S. 151 in the Bronx; and photography exhibition at the Secondary School in Brooklyn.

At P.S. 178 in the Bronx, students took to the school yard and spelled out “Lights ON!” in tribute to the special occasion. What a photograph! With such a wonderful show of enthusiasm and support, SASF program students and staff are already looking forward to celebrating the day next year!



BACKGROUND: Established in 1992, the not-for-profit Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) seeks to improve the lives of New York City’s public school students by offering a wide variety of year-long after-school, Saturday, vacation and summer activities – including sports and fitness programs, performing and visual arts, and academic tutoring – that emphasize skill development, physical and mental well-being, and a positive outlook on the educational experience.