



# OST Funders Group



Philanthropy Network



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- Philadelphia based non-profit organization
- Began putting more of our focus into advocacy in 2018 and grew it throughout the pandemic
- Sunrise was a founding member of POST-C and GPEC
- Currently have staff on the PSAYDN Steering and Policy Committees
- All have representation on the 21st Century Community Learning Advisory Council
- Participating in the Kids Campaign

# Kids Campaign and Philadelphia School District Strategic Plan

## Opportunities for OST

- Both the current mayor's race and an upcoming strategic plan from the school district provide strong opportunities for OST
  - Main issue for voters in the primary was crime
  - Preview of the new strategic plan to be released includes a focus on youth safety, emotional, and physical health and efficient high quality operations including partnering with organizations
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# BOOST Bill

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- Building Opportunity through Out of School Time (BOOST)
- A bill is being introduced in the PA Legislature to dedicate a line item of funding for OST programming across PA
- Current version would initially dedicate \$70 million dollars to be distributed to organizations and school districts through a competitive RFP
- Research for Action released a [PACER Brief](#) in support of the bill
- Over half of US states are currently funding OST
- All the states bordering PA except West Virginia currently directly fund OST

# Share the Resistbot Campaign with your Grantees

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**Let your legislators know that after school is important to you!**

**Send a letter to the state representative and senator for your zip code advocating for the funding of afterschool programs in Pennsylvania!**

1. Text **"PXEDLN"** to **"50409"** to activate the resistbot service
2. Complete the prompts that the bot gives you (Name, Zip code, Email etc) and give the bot a moment between each prompt to process your last response
3. Preview and send the pre-written letter (You can preview it before sending)
4. Share the code with other afterschool advocates in your circle!

**This service is 100% free and a great way to let legislators from all over the state know that afterschool is important to you.**