

July 22, 2004

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
United States House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hoyer:

On behalf of the 165,000 members of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), I write to support H.R. 4585, the Full-Service Community Schools Act. I understand that this legislation will be a priority for you and other Members during the next session of Congress. My staff stands ready to help in the development of the final introduced version of the bill and to join our colleagues in the Coalition for Community Schools to provide perspective and information to help move forward the vision of full-service for each and every child in the country.

ASCD is a professional educational association dedicated to high quality professional development for educators and to bringing research-informed best practices and ideas to classrooms and schools across the globe. Our membership also understands that academic success for each child will not be realized until we support academic high expectations with services that surround the needs of all children, especially those children mired in deep poverty.

I have asked my staff to provide assistance to you and your staff as the legislative process unfolds. Should you need testimony from the perspective of an education association in support of "full-service" schools, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Thank you for your leadership on H.R. 4585 and for helping to renew schools and communities for the good of each child and for the health of our democracy.

With warmest personal regards,

Gene R. Carter  
Executive Director and CEO

cc: Marty Blank, Staff Director, Coalition for Community Schools  
Donald Ernst, Director, Government Relations, ASCD