Out-of-School Time Programs

Support for Students
Over 121,000 Wisconsin students participate in out-of-school time (OST) programs, and the majority of these students are economically disadvantaged. OST programs build out academic supports beyond the school day and assist social emotional well-being.

Grant Funding
The department is requesting $20 million beginning in FY23 to provide grant support for OST programs. Currently 80% of federal OST funds are spent at the elementary school level. This state-funded proposal would focus on middle and high school settings, while furthering the reach of OST programming to elementary programs.

Value of OST Programs
Programs improve student academic performance, reduce risky behaviors, and provide a safe environment for students.