Are You Ready?
Questions to Consider as You Develop an After-school Program at Your School

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

**Is there a need for the program?**
Have you surveyed parents and teachers? Are there other after-school programs in your community to which you might refer parents and students? Do you have an after-school advisory committee? (Committee members could be drawn from your site-based management team, interested parents and teachers.)

**What are your objectives for the program?**
To provide after-school care for working parents? To offer additional enrichment activities, such as arts and music? To broaden students’ learning opportunities and improve academic achievement?

**Whom will your program serve?**
All students? Students in need of extra assistance? Children of working parents? Families and community members?

**How will you structure your program?**
Will you partner with a community-based organization or hire your own staff? What activities will you offer?

**Where will you house your program?**
Where will these activities occur? Will you provide office space for a coordinator and other necessary staff?

**How will you pay for your program?**
What will it cost? Will you charge families a fee? Will you apply for grants or use district funds? How are you sustain your program over time?

**How are you evaluate the program's effectiveness?**

**How are you integrate your program into your school's vision and mission?**
How will you "sell" it to your staff? Two students? To parents and community members? To your district?