

## Chyanne Chen

Meet the Candidates Week 20 Question: **What would be your boldest piece of legislation if you are elected as district supervisor?**

I plan to **create free before- and after-school programs for all at schools and in community settings**, and I will design them based on families' needs.

Speaking to lifelong San Franciscans, many remembered a time when recreation centers in every neighborhood provided free programs after school and in the summer. They provided meals, and regardless of whether a child enrolled in the program, there were extra meals, and no child went hungry. It was much easier for working families to make their dollars stretch and not have to worry about their kids.

The pandemic has significantly changed school and work schedules. Many families struggle to fill the childcare gaps for younger and school-age children. Immigrant parents struggle to find resources in language. The city has cut funding to such programs in previous budget cycles while staffing and other childcare costs are soaring. This means very long waitlists for free or reduced-cost programs.

As supervisor, I want to bring this programming back for all families to ensure available childcare, before- and after-school, and summer options, and pay to keep experienced and skilled staff doing this critical early childhood education and care work. San Francisco has led the way in the past by investing our local funds in child care and extended school care to serve families, and we must redouble our efforts to ensure families can thrive in our city.