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EXPANDED SCHOOLS LAUNCHES NEW BLOG SERIES IN JANUARY

“Dear Rashida” offers advice to schools, organizations on developing expanded learning programs

ExpandedED Schools, a nonprofit in New York City working to close the learning gap, has launched a fun, yet informative, blog series entitled “Dear Rashida” that provides answers to burning questions from educators, school administrators and community organizations on how to develop and run successful expanded learning programs.

The eponymous blog is named after Rashida Ladner-Seward, Director of Program Support at ExpandedED Schools, who is responsible for much of the organization’s technical assistance work. However, the series will draw upon the insight and experience of the many program managers at ExpandedED Schools who work closely with schools and administrators on a daily basis to support expanded learning.

Questions vary; the first two blogs in the series focused on how to get students to actually share with their parents what they do in expanded learning, and finding the right community partner to help develop a robust program. All posts include links to additional, more in-depth resources.

The blog will run every Tuesday and can be found [here](#).

ExpandedED Schools (formerly TASC) is a nonprofit dedicated to closing the learning gap by increasing access to enriched education experiences. We work in underserved communities to expand the school day and enhance the learning with enrichments like photography, salsa dance, debate or robotics. By engaging community partners, students are exposed to an array of role models in the form of tutors, coaches and teaching artists. In school, after school and during the summer, ExpandedED Schools reimagines learning time, seeking to ensure that all kids have opportunities to discover their talents and develop their full potential.

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