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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants

The fiscal year 2010 appropriation for Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), includes funds to be distributed through a competitive grant process to local education agencies as well as faith-based and community organizations for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants. A community learning center offers academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session. The activities are designed to provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program. The allocation to Michigan for this purpose is \$43.4 million in 2010, with carryover funds available from past years; \$50 million has been allocated to grantees for the 2010-2011 federal fiscal year. An additional \$2.1 million is allocated for state activities, a statewide evaluation, and training and technical assistance. The 2011-2012 allocation to Michigan has not yet been released.

The U.S. Department of Education guidance regarding the allocation and use of 21st CCLC funds requires state education agencies to target local education agencies and faith-based and community organizations serving the same children whose schools primarily serve students who attend schools with high concentrations of at-risk students, giving priority to applicants serving children in high priority (persistently low achieving) schools. Priority is also given to applicants that will serve children in schools designated as in need of improvement under Title I and that are submitted jointly by school districts receiving Title I funds and faith-based and community organizations.

The attached "Criteria for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants" provides background information and the proposed criteria for the distribution of the FY 2011 appropriation.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 22, 2010.

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Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal “Significant and meaningful improvement in the academic achievement of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving schools and students.”

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board’s Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The 21st CCLC program assists the State Board of Education with the goal of providing support to significantly and meaningfully improve the academic performance of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving schools and students by providing funding to schools with at-risk student populations.

The 21st CCLC program supports the State Board of Education priority of “Reimagined Pre-K-12 Educational System in Michigan” by supporting the implementation of College and Career Ready (Common Core) Standards, encouraging consolidation of services, developing recognition programs for schools and high quality after-school programs. The 21st CCLC program also supports this priority by mandating that all 21st CCLC programs adhere to *The Model Standards for Out-of-School Time/After-School Programs in Michigan*.

The 21st CCLC program supports the State Board of Education priority of “Excellent Educator Quality Continuum” through recognizing educators as professionals with the recent revisions of the Michigan School Age Youth Development Credential. The 21st CCLC program also supports this priority with the Training and Technical Assistance Coaching Support Systems, which includes regional coaches, professional development trainings, program evaluation and an on-line professional development portal.

The 21st CCLC program supports the State Board of Education priority of “Recommendations to Better Support Michigan’s Education System – Reform, Restructuring and Revenues” by encouraging programs to partner with faith-based and community organizations to expand unique services and program delivery to students.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

X Competitive Formula New X Continuation

Nationally, it is estimated that 24 million school-age children have working parents, including many who receive no adult supervision during their out-of-school time. Further, too many school-age children are not achieving at the level necessary for their future success. A community learning center offers academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session. The 21st CCLC Grants began with an appropriation in the United States Department of Education budget in 1997 of \$1 million with the first programs opening in 1998. Programs were direct federal-to-local funding. Fiscal year 2010 is the tenth year of state management of the program as part of Title IV, Part B. The purpose of the 21st CCLC Grants is to create community learning centers for those times when school is not in session that:

- Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students' performance standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and mathematics;
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and
- Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved December 12, 2006

X Defined in Law X Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

Criteria for eligible applicants are defined in the federal legislation. The Department must assure that the target population will meet federal requirements and priorities or the State application will be defunded. A competitive application in rubric format has been developed to differentiate among proposals that have a high probability of creating and sustaining community learning centers to meet the purposes of the program. The legislation requires states to make awards only to applicants who will primarily serve students who attend schools with a high concentration of at-risk students, giving priority to applicants serving children in high priority schools. States must also give priority to applicants that will serve children in schools designated as in need of improvement under Title I and that are submitted jointly by school districts receiving Title I funds and faith-based or community organizations.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Federal guidelines state that eligible applicants may be Local Education Agencies (LEAs) or Faith-Based and Community Organizations (FBCOs), and other public or private organizations. A joint application of two or more such agencies, organizations, or entities is also eligible. The statute encourages eligible organizations to collaborate in applying for funds.

A community organization is defined as a public or private for-profit or non-profit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that (a) is representative of a community or significant segments of a community; and (b) provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. Grantees whose state 21st CCLC funding is continuing **may not apply** for duplicate funding for the same project and group of students. However, current grantees **may apply** for expansion of services. The application should clearly show how new funds will be used for new programming. An applicant may apply for more than one grant, if the services are proposed for different groups of students who attend different schools.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The 2010-2011 allocation to Michigan for this purpose is \$43.4 million.

The allocation to Michigan for the 2011-2012 federal fiscal year has not yet been released.

STATUTE

Title IV, Part B, authorizes the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants.

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