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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2020

- **TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents Public School Academy Directors
- **FROM:** Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent P-20 System and Student Transitions
- **SUBJECT:** Statewide Activities Grant Opportunities for the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of funds for two requests for proposals for the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) under Title IV, Part B of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

The first request for proposal is for a statewide evaluation system. This grant would provide comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and activities. The goals of the statewide evaluation system are to:

- Collect and compile data to document the extent to which the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs are meeting their federal, state, and local targets and goals;
- Submit 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC data to the federal reporting system through the established interconnectivity agreement;
- Analyze and disseminate statewide data findings and trends to MDE, its grantees, and other stakeholders to strengthen the out-of-school time field; and
- Develop impact studies that evaluate how participation in high quality 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs influences student growth.

The second request for proposal is for a statewide program quality interventions system. This grant would provide program interventions to improve the quality of programs and activities. The goals of the program quality interventions system are to:

• Provide coaching and support strategies for quality interventions through a research-based high-quality model using individual and organizational performance data to develop continuous improvement plans;

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- Provide statewide and regional training and technical assistance focused on positive youth development outcomes and other key topics relevant to afterschool programming;
- Provide trained professionals to support local program integration of quality data to develop continuous improvement plans; and
- Collaborate with MDE and other state activity grantees to prioritize service delivery to local programs and inform the statewide evaluation.

Information about these requests for proposals, including the necessary forms and instructions for completing the application, will be available online at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/21stcclc">www.michigan.gov/21stcclc</a> on February 24, 2020.

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact Stacy Ann Sipes, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Departmental Analyst, at <a href="mailto:sipess1@michigan.gov">sipess1@michigan.gov</a> or 517-241-7577.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance