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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2023

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions *SK*

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity for the 2023-2024 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century
Community Learning Centers Grant Program

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant program opportunity. The purpose of the 21st CCLC grant program is to create community learning centers for those times when school is not in session. Programs must provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program. These funds will be awarded through a competitive grant process to local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), community-based organizations (CBOs), Indian tribe or tribal organization (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)), faith-based organizations (FBOs), and other public or private entities, or a consortium of these entities, to provide comprehensive community learning center services. The 21st CCLC grant program aligns with [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) (SEP) and supports multiple SEP Goals.

To determine if your organization qualifies for the grant program and to better understand all existing, new, and revised aspects of the process, it is strongly suggested that potential applicants participate in the application information webinar on February 2, 2023, from 10:30 a.m.–noon. You may register for the webinar at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zhgMkWCiR_Kq8769mZXeWA.

A notice of intent to apply for a grant is required, and the intent to apply form must be submitted no later than February 23, 2023, to allow time for MDE staff to provide login and access information to the online application. The intent to apply form and corresponding link will become available for interested organizations to access on the [21st CCLC webpage](#) no later than February 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Please send any questions about this announcement to Stacy Ann Sipes, Out-of-School Time Specialist, at sipess1@Michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments

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