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To: Current and Potential 21st Century Community Learning Center Grantees

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Subject: NYSED 21st Century Community Learning Centers: **Round 6 RFP Update**

The State Education Department (SED) will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) later this year. These critical funds help support expanded learning opportunities for students and families across the state.

- The Round 6 RFP will include combined funding from Rounds 4, 5 and 5B
- The anticipated release date for the RFP is October 1, 2012
- The anticipated award period is July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018 (dependent upon the availability of federal funding).

Background:

- The U.S. Department of Education recently approved New York State's ESEA waiver which allows Priority Schools the option of utilizing 21st CCLC grant funds to satisfy the required additional 200 student contact hours to expand the regular school day¹. SED is working diligently to finalize the lists of Priority Schools and Focus Districts, and the RFP cannot be released until the lists are complete. Once the lists are made public, applicants are encouraged to reach out to schools and districts most in need of 21st CCLC services to develop applications that reflect strong partnerships and quality programming.
- The RFP will include requirements for 21st CCLC program activities to be strongly aligned and coordinated with the:
 - Regularly scheduled school day,
 - New York State Learning Standards, including Common Core,
 - Social and Emotional Development and Learning Guidelines,
 - Program activities that will support school and district goals, and
 - Regent's Reform priority for college and career readiness.

Sufficient time will be given for applicants to properly address these critical SED initiatives in program planning and proposal development. Adequate time will also be provided for technical assistance, peer review and scoring, as well as for final State approval of grant and grant contract awards.

Please refer questions regarding the 21st CCLC RFP to emsc21stCCLC@mail.nysed.gov.

¹ A summary of the Provisions of New York's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver Request is located at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/esea-waiver/field-memo.pdf>.