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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Subject: Competitive Grant Opportunity: 2018-2019 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 10, Year 1

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce the opening of a competitive grant opportunity for the 2018–2019 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Cycle 10, Year 1 grant program.

The 21st CCLC Program, in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV, Part B, supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. Eligible entities can apply to establish or expand community learning centers that:

- provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging state academic standards;
- offer students a broad array of additional services designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and
- offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children’s education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, including public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers; community-based organizations (CBOs); Indian tribes or tribal organizations; other public or private entities; or a consortium of two or more eligible entities.

The grant application documents are posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities Page](#). Complete applications must be received **by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, on May 1, 2018**, in accordance with instructions in the application packet to be eligible to be considered for funding.

Questions about the application instructions and program guidelines should be emailed to 21stcentury@tea.texas.gov. Questions will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions publication and in a pre-recorded webinar by the date listed in the published request for application.

Sincerely,

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