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Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Awards

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consent Item: Grant the Commissioner authority to approve funding recommendations for the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The funding of the 21st CCLC grant projects will increase the number of programs that provide educational and developmental services during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session. The three goals of this grant program are to: 1) improve student learning performance in one or more core academic areas; 2) increase social benefits and positive behavioral changes; and 3) increase family and community engagement in schools.

In the past eight years of administration of these federal funds, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded 42 First-Time grants in 27 communities serving over 100 school building populations. In addition to school building populations recommended to receive a First-Time grant, this competition includes recommendations to award Continuation grants to seven quality programs which have successfully implemented 21st CCLC programming for five years. Continuation grants are calculated at a daily rate approximately 50% of the rate for First-Time grants. The following list identifies the First-Time and Continuation applicants recommended for the 2011 grants.

| First-Time Grant Applicant | Amount | # of Sites |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Collective for Youth (Middle School Learning Center Initiative-Omaha) (Lewis & Clark Middle School, King Science and Technology Magnet Middle School) | \$190,700.00 | 2 |
| Crete Public Schools (Crete Middle School) | \$196,875.00 | 1 |
| Nebraska City Public Schools (Nebraska City Middle School) | \$225,000.00 | 1 |
| Papillion-La Vista Public Schools (Golden Hills and La Vista West Elementary Schools) | \$258,000.00 | 2 |
| York Public Schools (York Elementary School and York Middle School) | \$140,250.00 | 2 |
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| | \$1,010,825.00 | 8 |

| Continuation Grant Applicant | Amount | # of Sites |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Alliance Public Schools (Emerson and Grandview Elementary Schools) | \$54,000.00 | 2 |
| Bethesda Urban Community Development Corporation-Omaha (Lothrop Elementary School) | \$50,000.00 | 1 |
| Chadron Public Schools (Chadron Middle School) | \$50,000.00 | 1 |
| Omaha Public Schools (Belvedere, Highland, Sherman Elementary Schools) | \$129,150.00 | 3 |
| Omaha Public Schools (Franklin, Kennedy, Miller Park and Saratoga Elementary Schools) | \$147,600.00 | 4 |
| Plattsmouth Community Schools (Plattsmouth Elementary School) | \$85,233.00 | 1 |
| Santee Community Schools (Santee Elementary and Santee High School) | \$50,000.00 | 2 |
| | <u>\$565,983.00</u> | <u>14</u> |

Estimated Cost

The cost of this program is \$1,576,808.00 in federal aid. The administration costs do not exceed 2% as per federal guidelines. All funding is contingent upon availability of federal funds.

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