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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 nine years of administration of these federal funds, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded grants in 27 communities serving over 100 school building populations. In addition to the school building population recommended to receive a First-Time grant, this competition includes recommendations to award Continuation grants to four 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 2012 grants.

First-Time Grant Applicant	Amount	# of Sites
Plattsmouth Community Schools (Plattsmouth Middle School)	\$113,625.00	1
	\$113,625.00	1

Continuation Grant Applicant	Amount	# of Sites
Chadron Public Schools (Chadron Primary School)	\$50,050.00	1
Cozad Community Schools (Cozad Elementary School)	\$57,600.00	1
Lexington Public Schools (Lexington Middle School)	\$78,825.00	1
Lincoln Public Schools (Belmont, Brownell, Prescott Elementary Schools and Culler Middle School)	\$137,627.00	4
	\$324,102.00	7

Estimated Cost

The cost of this program is \$437,727.00 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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