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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:**

Authorize the Commissioner 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 eleven years of administration of these federal funds, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded grants in more than 25 communities serving over 100 school building populations. In addition to the 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. Continuation grants are calculated at a daily rate approximately 50% of the rate for First-Time grants.

**Estimated Cost:**

The cost of this program is \$1,921,597.00 in federal aid. The administration costs do not exceed 2% as per federal guidelines. All funding is contingent upon availability of federal funds.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

The attached list identifies the First-Time and Continuation applicants recommended for the 2014 grants.

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21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program  
2014 First-Time and Continuation Grant Proposals Recommended for Funding

<b>First-Time Grant Applicants</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b># of Sites</b>
Collective for Youth (Field Club Elementary School)	\$72,375.00	1
Collective for Youth (Gomez Elementary School)	\$92,375.00	1
Collective for Youth (Jackson Elementary School)	\$72,375.00	1
Collective for Youth (Spring Lake Elementary School)	\$94,475.00	1
Nebraska City Public Schools (Hayward Elementary School)	\$120,000.00	1
Norfolk Public Schools (Norfolk Middle School and Norfolk Junior High School)	\$260,875.00	2
North Platte Public Schools (Cody Elementary School)	\$50,250.00	1
Ogallala Public Schools (Prairie View Elementary School)	\$83,700.00	1
Schuyler Public Schools (Schuyler Elementary School [will also serve students attending Richland Elementary School and Schuyler Elementary-Fisher's] and Schuyler Middle School)	\$293,750.00	2
	\$1,140,175.00	11
<b>Years 6-10 Continuation Grant Applicants</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b># of Sites</b>
Collective for Youth (Omaha—Marrs, McMillan, Morton and Norris Middle Schools)	\$156,388.00	4
Lincoln Public Schools (Holmes and Pershing Elementary Schools and Lefler Middle School)	\$119,625.00	3
	\$276,013.00	7

<b>Years 11-15 Continuation Grant Applicants</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b># of Sites</b>
<b>Collective for Youth</b> (Indian Hill, King and Liberty Elementary Schools)	\$118,393.00	3
<b>Kearney Public Schools</b> (Bryant, Central, Emerson and Kenwood Elementary Schools)	\$129,694.00	4
<b>Lincoln Public Schools</b> (Clinton, Elliott, Hartley, Huntington, Riley, Saratoga and West Lincoln Elementary Schools, and Goodrich Middle School)	\$137,025.00	8
<b>Scottsbluff Public Schools</b> (Roosevelt Elementary School)	\$50,000.00	1
<b>Walthill Public Schools</b> (Walthill Elementary School and Walthill Middle School/High School)	\$70,297.00	2
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	\$505,409.00	18