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STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Afterschool and expanded learning opportunities will soon be available at eleven new sites in the Nebraska communities of Nebraska City, Norfolk, North Platte, Ogallala, Omaha and Schuyler.

Federal grant funds are awarded to support community learning centers serving students attending schools with high needs. During non-school hours, these programs offer hands-on learning and activities to meet student needs. The State Board of Education approved grants for the following new programs:

- Collective for Youth's program in Omaha at Field Club Elementary School received a \$72,375 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's program in Omaha at Gomez Elementary School received a \$92,375 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's program in Omaha at Jackson Elementary School received a \$72,375 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's program in Omaha at Spring Lake Elementary School received a \$94,475 federal grant.
- Nebraska City Public Schools received a \$120,000 federal grant for a program at Hayward Elementary School.
- Norfolk Public Schools received a \$260,875 federal grant for programs at Norfolk Middle School and Norfolk Junior High School.
- North Platte Public Schools received a \$50,250 federal grant for a program at Cody Elementary School.
- Ogallala Public Schools received a \$83,700 federal grant for a program at Prairie View Elementary School.
- Schuyler Public Schools received a \$293,750 federal grant for programs at Schuyler Elementary School and Schuyler Middle School.

In addition, 7 quality programs at 25 schools across the state will continue to receive federal grants for 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. These grants are available for five years. The programs are:

- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha at Marrs Middle School, McMillan Middle School, Morton Middle School and Norris Middle School received a \$156,388 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha at Indian Hill Elementary School, King Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School received a \$118,393 federal grant.
- Kearney Public Schools' programs at Bryant Elementary School, Central Elementary School, Emerson Elementary School and Kenwood Elementary School received a \$129,694 federal grant.
- Lincoln Public Schools' programs at Holmes Elementary School, Pershing Elementary School and Lefler Middle School received a \$119,625 federal grant.
- Lincoln Public Schools' programs at Clinton Elementary School, Elliott Elementary School, Hartley Elementary School, Huntington Elementary School, Riley Elementary School, Saratoga Elementary School, West Lincoln Elementary School and Goodrich Middle School received a \$137,025 federal grant.
- Scottsbluff Public Schools received a \$50,000 federal grant for a program at Roosevelt Elementary School.
- Walthill Public Schools' programs at Walthill Elementary School and Walthill Middle/High School received a \$70,297 federal grant.

The primary goals of 21st Century Community Learning Centers are improved student learning, increased social benefits and positive behavioral changes as well as increased family and community engagement in Nebraska schools.

Over the past 11 years, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded federal grants for students at more than 100 different sites in over 25 Nebraska communities. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is funded under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.