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MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2020

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant

Competition Regional Informational Meetings

We are pleased to announce the upcoming FY 2021 21st CCLC grant competition. The purpose of the 21st CCLC grant is to provide students in elementary, middle, and/or high school with academic enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program. These opportunities may occur before school, after school, during non-school hours, or periods when school is not in session such as holidays. Grant awards can only be utilized to serve students who attend Title I-eligible or Title I-served schools in which 40 percent or more of their students receive free or reduced lunch. Any public or private organization including local education agencies (LEAs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), non-profit agencies, city or county governments, or for-profit corporations may apply for this grant. For this competition, an annual grant award for a period of three years can range from \$50,000 to \$200,000, pending receipt of 21st CCLC funding from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for subsequent years.

The Alabama State Department of Education will host 21st CCLC regional informational meetings throughout the state to inform potential applicants about the grant requirements and the application process. Attendance at one of these meetings are strongly encouraged, but is **NOT** required.

If an LEA chooses to apply for the grant, a team may consist of the federal programs coordinator, the principal of the potential school, and the chief school financial officer. The public or private entity's team may include the executive director/designee, the federal programs coordinator from the LEA, the principal of the local school(s), and the chief school financial officer/accountant.

The CBOs, FBOs, IHEs, non-profit organizations, city or county governments, and for-profit corporations, must write this grant in consultation and collaboration with an LEA and must serve a local Title I or Title I-eligible school. Prior to attending one of the meetings, a public or private entity will need to identify the potential applicant school(s) and discuss the potential partnership with the LEA superintendent, federal programs coordinator, and the local school principal.

The schedule for the Regional Informational Meetings is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	9 a.m 3 p.m.	Huntsville City Schools Merts Center (Community Room) 200 White Street Huntsville, AL 35801
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	9 a.m 3 p.m.	Bethel Baptist Church Community Learning Center 1708 Spencer Avenue Birmingham, AL 35214
Monday, February 10, 2020	9 a.m 3 p.m.	Alabama State University Abernathy Auditorium-Abernathy Hall, Second Floor Great Hall of Teachers 1625 South Hall Street Montgomery, AL 36104
Thursday, February 20, 2020	9 a.m 3 p.m.	University Commons Room 3240 75 South University Boulevard Mobile, AL 36608
Friday, February 21, 2020	9 a.m 3 p.m.	Houston County Schools Houston County Area Vocational Center 662 W. Main Street Dothan, AL 36301

For questions concerning the meetings, please email Ms. Yolonda Averett, 21st CCLC State Coordinator, at yaverett@alsde.edu; or Ms. Julie Harrington, Education Specialist, at jharrington@alsde.edu. You can also contact them by telephone at (334) 694-4516.

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cc: LEA Federal Programs Coordinators
Local School Principals
Community-based Organizations (CBOs)
Faith-based Organizations
Institutions of Higher Education
Non-Profit Organizations
City or County Governments
For-Profit Corporations
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