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TO:  Chief School Administrators
     Charter School Lead Persons

FROM:  Susan Martz, Assistant Commissioner
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SUBJECT:  21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Competitive NGO Release

The New Jersey Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the 21st CCLC Competitive NGO – Year 1 of 5. The NGO is posted to the NJDOE website at http://www.nj.gov/education/grants/discretionary under “Available Grants.”

The purpose of the 21st CCLC program is to supplement the education of students in grades 4-12, who attend schools eligible for Title I schoolwide programs or schools where a minimum of 30 percent of students are from low-income families.

The 21st CCLCs are defined as centers that offer academic remediation and enrichment activities in tandem with a broad array of other enrichment activities in the areas of arts and culture, youth development, and physical activity to students and their adult family members when school is not in session. (afterschool, before school or during the summer)

Eligibility to apply for this 21st CCLC program is open to all New Jersey public or private agencies (i.e., charter schools, educational service commissions, jointure commissions and special-services school districts), non-profit organizations, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations (including religious private schools), institutions of higher learning and for-profit agencies.

A technical assistance webinar is scheduled for March 13, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Applicants must register online at: http://education.state.nj.us/events/. Information regarding the webinar will be sent to those individuals registered. If you have any questions, please send an email to NJ21stCCLC@doe.state.nj.us.

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