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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 27, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Project Directors
From: Peggy McDonald, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services
Deadline: February 10, 2021

NJDOE Invites Public Comment on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Request to Operate During School Hours

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) plans to submit a waiver request to the United States Department of Education (USDE) to permit 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) subgrantees to provide supplemental activities when school is in session, but students are not receiving in-person instruction. As required by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the NJDOE is seeking public comment and feedback regarding the waiver request.

The purpose of the waiver, to be applied during the 2020-2021 program year, is to provide supplemental academic enrichment activities and other allowable 21st CCLC activities and services when school is in session, allowing students to benefit from additional resources. 21st CCLC activities and services will be available when students are not physically present in school but are participating in remote or independent learning due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Flexibilities

The waiver will allow 21st CCLC programs to help students better engage with virtual learning, provide assistance when students are working independently on assigned work, and offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement their regular academic programs.

Public Comment

The waiver request is available for review on the [NJDOE 21st CCLC webpage](#). Comments, concerns, and general feedback must be submitted by email to 21stcclc@doe.nj.gov by February 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Contact information

Questions concerning this memo should be directed to 21stcclc@doe.nj.gov.

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