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21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants Available

The Department of Education today announced that applications for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program are now available.

"The DOE strives to support every child throughout the state of New Jersey," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "We believe so many opportunities abound for all students; and in this case, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants help those students who face the greatest challenges. We are pleased to offer this program."

Approximately \$17.7 million is available for the awards, which are funded through the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and available annually over a four year period. The initial grants award period is expected to be from Feb. 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The minimum amount for a grant is \$75,000; the maximum, \$708,300.

"This important program is available to schools who serve students in grades four through 12," Commissioner Librera said. "While it is primarily for Title I schools, it is also open to schools that serve a high percentage of children in low-income families."

The DOE estimates that 24 grants will be issued. Applications are due to the DOE's Application Control Center by Sept. 24, 2004. A technical assistance workshop will be held on Aug. 13 at Katzenbach School for the Deaf in Trenton from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Aug. 11; forms are found on the actual application.

Grant applications are available on the DOE Web site at the following address:

www.nj.gov/njded/grants/discretionary or the 21st Century grants site, found online at the following address: www.nj.gov/njded/21cclc. They are also available by contacting the Office of Program Support Services at (609) 292-5935.