Maintain Funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers at $1.2 Billion

In Illinois, the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) initiative is the only federal funding source dedicated exclusively to before-school, afterschool, and summer learning programs. Investments in 21st CCLC programs are keeping children in high-poverty, low-performing schools safe and supported; engaging them in academically enriching activities; and providing much needed child care to working families.

Data supports that these programs are achieving positive outcomes for Illinois’ youth.

- 63% of elementary students and 55% of middle/high school students improved their behavior in the program.
- 71% of elementary students and 61% of middle/high school students improved their academic performance.
- 26.2% of elementary students improved in mathematics, and 30.7% improved in reading.
- 27.1% of middle/high school students improved in mathematics, and 29.7% improved in reading.

21st CCLCs also provide a wide variety of opportunities that youth do not receive during the school day.

- 92% of grantees offer STEM programming.
- 90% of grantees working with high school students offer college preparation activities.
- 57% of grantees offer service-learning opportunities.
- 30% of elementary, 70% of middle, and 84% of high school grantees offer entrepreneurial, career development, and job skills programming.

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THE CURRENT STATE OF AFTERSCHOOL IN ILLINOIS

404,791 students participate in afterschool programs (18%).

741,400 students in Illinois would participate in an afterschool program if one were available (41%).

20% of children are unsupervised after school.

In the 2014-2015 school year, 47,492 children participated in 21st CCLC at 389 sites around Illinois.

84% of Illinois parents support public funding for afterschool programs.

21st Century also funds community schools in Illinois. Community schools provide a broad range of programs and services in support of comprehensive child development. Students not in an afterschool program but who attend a community school may receive counseling, health and wellness, and parent engagement supports due to 21st Century funding, meaning thousands of additional students are impacted by 21st CCLCs. Community schools on average leverage $1-$3 in additional resources from additional investors from a $1 investment through 21st Century.