

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
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OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

07. Approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers State Application Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 9304(a)(6) of ESEA, states are required to update the 21st CCLC portion of their consolidated state plans to ensure they are in compliance with all requirements for designing and implementing their programs. The 21st CCLC program creates *community learning centers* that provide academic and other enrichment opportunities to students in high-poverty, low-performing schools, and helps these students succeed in meeting State and local academic standards.

The Mississippi Consolidated Federal Application was originally approved by the State Board of Education on May 17, 2002, and last amended by Board approval on November 21, 2003.

State Application Enhancements:

- Activated Advisory Committee- provided assurance that the state application was developed in consultation with appropriate State officials and other agencies administering before and after school programs.
- Updated Monitoring Protocol- the state provides monitoring and evaluations of the 21st CCLC programs and activities, which will provide capacity building, training and technical assistance for eligible entities.
- Staff Restructuring- the oversight and management of the 21st CCLC program is administered by one (1) Director and four (4) Coordinators with assistance of a Financial Officer and a Project Officer. In the past, the staff consisted of one (1) Director and two (2) Coordinators.
- Improved Coordination of Services within the Department of Education- highlighted the importance of all programs playing an integral part in the state planning efforts for educational

opportunities through inclusion across areas in MDE. All federal programs are coordinated through activities such as: weekly planning sessions, strategic plans of work, training sessions, state, and regional conferences, local workshops, Federal Program Task Force membership and the development of the LEA monitoring instrument for example.

Recommendation: Approval