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The Honorable Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Washington, DC 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Brogan:

I am writing to request a waiver on behalf of the State educational agency (SEA) and its subgrantees, pursuant to section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), of the requirement in ESEA section 4201(b)(1)(A) that restricts activities provided by a program funded under the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (21st CCLC) to activities provided only during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school or during summer recess).

State:

I am requesting this waiver to advance student academic achievement by providing supplemental academic enrichment activities and other allowable 21st CCLC activities and services during times when school is in session but students would benefit from additional resources (e.g., when students are not physically present in school but are participating in remote or independent learning due to the disruptions caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)). In seeking this waiver, I assure that:

- The SEA will use, and ensure that its subgrantees use, 21st CCLC funds in accordance with all other provisions of Title IV, Part B of the ESEA and all applicable regulations, program plans, and applications.
- The SEA has provided the public and all local educational agencies and 21st CCLC subgrantees in the State with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request in the manner in which the SEA customarily provides such notice and opportunity to comment and has enclosed with this waiver request the comments received (if any) and a description of how the SEA addressed such comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER]

Digital Signature

OR

Typed Name and Date

Enclosure