BOARD AGENDA ITEM

April 20, 2021

SUBJECT:

Submission of the 2021-22 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application by Belvedere Elementary School – FY22

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Belvedere Elementary School would like to submit an application to the SC State Department of Education for the 2021-22 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$260,000.00 which is renewable for up to four years. The purpose of the 21st CCLC program is to provide funds for communities to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that

- 1. provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging state academic standards;
- 2. offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities; service learning, nutrition and health education; drug and violence prevention programs; counseling programs; arts, music, physical fitness, and wellness programs; technology education programs; financial literacy programs; environmental literacy programs; mathematics, science, career, and technology programs; and career exploration; and
- 3. offer families of students served by such centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

If awarded, grant funds will be used to fund salaries for teachers and staff for the afterschool program, Saturday school, and/or summer programs, field trips, transportation, parent nights, and instructional program equipment and materials. The various programs supported by the grant will benefit all students with a focus on students who are at risk of failure or retention.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the 2021-22 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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