



## Grant Update and Award

To: Members of the Lowell School Committee

From: Jeannine M. Durkin, Acting Superintendent

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The Lowell Public Schools was recently (February 1, 2019) awarded a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grant entitled (FY19) **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) –Enhanced Programs for Students on an IEP.**

The \$40,000 grant will provide supports to special education students at the Morey, Robinson, McAuliffe and McAvinnue Schools to allow students to participate fully in free after school and summer programming. Funds will support the hiring of paraprofessionals, nurses, and support staff to work after school or in the summer based on the needs of the enrolled students.

As one of the largest grantees of 21<sup>st</sup> Century funding in Massachusetts, Lowell is proud to be the recipient of more than \$1,540,000 in 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant funds at 12 schools and serves more than 1,400 students after school each day and in the summer.

In a 21<sup>st</sup> Century program, students receive help with homework and participate in engaging academic and enrichment activities through project based learning. Additionally, a nutritious snack and dinner is provided to students each day.

The following schools have been awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant: Greenhalge, Shaughnessy, McAuliffe, Bartlett, Morey, McAvinnue, Lincoln and Murkland Elementary. The Robinson, Stoklosa and Sullivan Middle and the Lowell High School Freshman Academy also have the grant funding.

As the DESE releases more funding opportunities LPS will continue to apply for more schools to expand this valuable program.

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