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Public Notice of Flexibility Waiver for 4201(b)(1)(A), Title IV, Part B, Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking comments on the following waiver request for 4201(b)(1)(A), of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Comments and questions should be submitted to the GaDOE 21st CCLC Program Office via email to 21stcclc@doe.k12.ga.us **no later than Friday, October 29, 2020.**

Title IV, Part B requires that 21st CCLC subgrantees, “assist students in meeting State and local academic achievement standards in core academic subjects. . . by providing the students with opportunities for academic enrichment activities and a broad array of other activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school or during summer recess).” States may request a one-year waiver from this requirement to provide enhanced flexibility in programming hours for 21st CCLC sites.

The GaDOE is submitting a request for the 2020-2021 school year to provide greater flexibility to 21st CCLC subgrantees to modify or design their programs to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The waiver submission for the 2020-2021 school year aligns with allowable objectives established by ED to help students better engage with virtual learning. 21st CCLC subgrantees will have enhanced flexibility to:

- Provide academic assistance when students are working independently on work that is assigned.
- Provide additional academic supports during remote learning time when students access virtual learning.
- Provide other academic enrichment activities during the portion of the week when students are not physically present in school, but school is in session remotely for some portion of the day.
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating 21st CCLC students.

Prior to submitting this ESSA waiver request, the GaDOE is providing public notice to all interested parties across Georgia. The GaDOE is providing such notification by posting a public notice on its website of the intent to request a waiver of program hour requirements for 21st CCLC subgrants. In addition, the GaDOE has emailed information pertaining to the waiver to all Local Educational Agency (LEA) superintendents, Non-LEA 21st CCLC subgrantees, and 21st CCLC program directors. Copies of all comments the State may receive from stakeholders in response to this notice will be attached to the waiver request sent to ED.