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Message From: Zenae Campbell, VP of Program Services & Club Operations – Boys & Girls Club Greater Houston

Subject: Invitation to participate in the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston - Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant application

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston (BGCGH) plans to submit a Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), Cycle 12, competitive grant application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) which is due January 23rd. As part of the application process, we are notifying local private nonprofit schools in the attendance area of the BGCGH targeted campuses of the opportunity to participate in the program. Please note that only secular, natural, and non-ideological services, materials, and equipment may be provided to participants.

Purpose: The purpose of the 21st CCLC funding is to create community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children to help them meet state and local standards in core academic subjects and performance measures. In particular, TEA targets students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. A community learning center assists students outside school hours or when school is not in session to complement the student's regular academic program.

If you are interested and want your eligible students and parents to have the opportunity to participate in this program (contingent upon TEA funding), please contact us as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Zenae Campbell VP of Programs & Club Operations at <u>zcampbell@bgcgh.org</u> or via phone at 713-400-2940 office. If you do not respond, we will assume you choose not to participate at this time.