

BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Shirley McClendon, Director Before and After School Programs
Dr. Lori Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of District Effectiveness and Federal Programs

SUBJECT: FY26 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants
GAN Acceptance

Summary

For FY26, the Bibb County School District received three new 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grants. In addition, the district is continuing to implement ten previously awarded grants, all of which remain active within their five-year grant periods.

<u>Award Type</u>	<u>Schools to be Funded</u>	<u>Years Remaining</u>	<u>FY26 Proposed Budget</u>
New	Bernd and Heritage	5	\$350,000
New	John R. Lewis & Howard High	5	\$350,000
New	Southfield and Veterans	5	\$350,000
Continuation	Ballard Hudson, VIP Middle & Miller Magnet	4	\$350,000
Continuation	Carter, VIP Elementary, and Alexander II Magnet	4	\$350,000
Continuation	Bruce and Hartley Elementary Schools	4	\$350,000
Continuation	Howard, VIP, and Rutland Middle Schools	4	\$350,000
Continuation	Heard, Skyview, and Rutland High	4	\$350,000
Continuation	Porter, MLK, and Central High	2	\$315,000
Continuation	Ingram-Pye, Williams, and Southwest High	2	\$315,000
Continuation	Burdell-Hunt, Appling, and Northeast High	2	\$315,000
Continuation	Union, Weaver, and Westside High	2	\$315,000
Continuation	Taylor and Lane Elementary Schools	2	\$315,000
Total Grant FY26 Award			\$4,375,000

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Background

The Bibb County School District (BCSD) proudly operates one of the most expansive and impactful 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) programs in the state of Georgia. Aligned with the district's mission to engage, educate, and empower every student, the 21st CCLC initiative provides high-quality, tuition-free academic enrichment and after-school programming to support student success beyond the traditional school day. Funded through federal Title IV, Part B grants, the program offers academic tutoring, hands-on STEM and literacy activities, career exploration, fine arts, physical wellness, and family engagement opportunities. These services are thoughtfully designed to reinforce classroom learning while promoting the whole child.

For the 2025–2026 school year, Bibb County School District will reach a historic milestone: every school in the district will host a 21st CCLC site. This means every elementary, middle, and high school student will have access to free, high-impact after-school services, regardless of zip code or school zone. This districtwide expansion represents BCSD's bold commitment to access and excellence for all students. By ensuring that every school community benefits from the extended learning time, BCSD is removing barriers and providing students and families with safe, structured, and enriching environments after school.

The 21st CCLC programs operate five days a week and are led by certified teachers and trained professionals who provide individualized academic support and engaging enrichment opportunities. In addition to improving academic outcomes, these programs promote social-emotional growth, creativity, leadership, and college and career readiness. Parent engagement is a cornerstone of the program, with regular workshops, family nights, and learning activities designed to strengthen the home-school connection and empower families as partners in their child's education.

This comprehensive approach not only enhances student achievement but also fosters a vibrant community of learners, educators, and families working together to ensure that every child in Bibb County has the opportunity to thrive. As the district looks ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, the expansion of 21st CCLC to every school marks a powerful step forward in BCSD's mission to create pathways to success for all students academically, socially, and emotionally.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant awards for the FY26 school year, totaling \$4,375,000 across all participating schools.

Grant Award Summary

Awarded at \$350,000 each:

- Bernd & Heritage Elementary
- Veterans & Southfield Elementary
- Howard High & John R. Lewis Elementary
- Ballard Hudson Middle, VIP Middle & Miller Magnet
- Carter Elementary, VIP Elementary & Alexander II
- Bruce & Hartley Elementary
- Howard Middle, VIP Middle & Rutland Middle
- Heard Elementary, Skyview Elementary & Rutland High

Awarded at \$315,000 each:

- Porter Elementary, MLK Elementary & Central High
- Ingram-Pye Elementary, Williams Elementary & Southwest High
- Burdell-Hunt Elementary, Appling Middle & Northeast High
- Union Elementary, Weaver Middle & Westside High
- Taylor Elementary & Lane Elementary

**Total FY26 Grant Funding Requested for Approval
\$4,375,000**

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

<u>Superintendent's Signature</u>	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved