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TAMPA – (JULY 12, 2018) – Intent to Apply – 21st CCLC Grant Funding

The Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay (BGCTB) hereby notifies the local community of our intention to apply to the Florida Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers program grant to support out of school time (OST) programming at the Vinik Family Boys & Girls Club, located at 7605 Destin Drive, serving Clair Mel Elementary school and Dowdell Middle school. In addition, Greco Middle school is included, and the youth will be provided before and after school care directly at the school. The BGCTB will submit the application to FDOE by August 5th of 2018. If granted, funds will be used to support additional learning time at the Vinik Boys & Girls Club, located at Winston Park in Clair Mel, Florida, and serving the youth from Clair Mel Elementary and Dowdell Middle. In addition, if granted, funds will be used to support additional learning time at Greco Middle School, located in Temple Terrace, Florida.

The purpose of the federally-funded Florida 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant is to support additional learning time for students in grades K-12 before and/or after school and during the summer that provides creative and engaging academic enrichment opportunities that will help to meet the challenging State academic standards; address college and workforce readiness and success, in addition to 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 technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children’s education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

More information about the 21st CCLC Program may be obtained by visiting the following webpage on the website of the Florida Department of Education: http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/21st-century-community-learning-center/program-summaries.stml

Questions or public input about the 21st CCLC program and grant proposal may be directed to Mary Dillon, Director of Research and Grants at 813-769-7547 or email at mdillon@bgctampa.org
ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY: Since 1926, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes – Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise a Club Member’s belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments. With multiple Clubs and Middle School sites throughout Hillsborough and Pasco County, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay makes futures great for more than 19,000 young people each year.