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### **Update on Federal Funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)**

- Budget FY2017: Passed by Congress with \$1.192 billion for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC
- Budget FY2018:
  - President Trump proposed complete elimination of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program
  - Senate passed funding at \$1.192 billion
  - House passed funding at \$1.1 billion
  - Funding for FY2018 is still uncertain as the country is operating under a continuing resolution that expires on January 19, 2018
  - Expected final spending levels for FY2018 are expected to fall within that range (between \$1.192 and \$1.1 billion)
- Budget FY2019: President Trump is expected to once again propose complete elimination of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program including all funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in the federal budget

### **In Vermont**

- Vermont currently received approximately \$5.7 million per year in 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. Funds are awarded to local communities, schools, districts, and supervisory unions through a competitive grant process with 5-year grant awards.
- Even under current funding levels, the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program in Vermont is not able to meet all demand in the state.
- In the 2018 grant competition, requests for funding are expected to total more than \$4.1 million while available funds to be awarded this year will be no more than \$2.0 to \$2.3 million.
- Letters of intent for this year's competition show 19 applications expected, 13 of which come from communities that have 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grants now and are hoping to continue to offer programs to the children and youth in their schools.
- The 19 applications represent funding to a total of 64 different schools, all meeting the eligibility requirements for high levels of students qualifying as low-income.
- Almost 60% of the applications include the addition of new sites, with 44 of the applying sites coming in as existing 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC recipients and 20 coming in as new sites. A significant portion of the growth in new sites is thought to be due to district consolidation under Act 46.
- According to VT Agency of Education, approximately 100 schools in Vermont currently receive 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. Another 70-80 schools meet the eligibility requirements for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC but either have not applied for funding or have not been successful in a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant competition in the past.