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TO: Chairman Sharpe and House Education Committee members  
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SUBJECT: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center program example  
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At the St. Albans City School, a team visited their afterschool/extended day program last week (there is also a summer program) called “Open Doors” – a program funded in part by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant. As part of the program, youth can apply to be mentors. The director spoke of a second or third grade duo that really wanted to teach. The two students went through the interview and standard process that all staff must go through including organizing content and approach, and other details, such as submitting the needed supply budget. Watch this [30-second promo clip](#) the youth made to advertise their class. By all reports, the youth excelled, and their teachers saw a different side of their students. In addition, the experience was included in the students’ Personalized Learning Plans, as this school has instituted plans for all grades.