

## PRESS RELEASE

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Fall River, MA- The Fall River Public Schools intends to submit an application to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MADESE) for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Program grants. With approval from MADESE, the Fall River Public Schools will establish a new out-of-school time program at the Mary L. Fonseca Elementary School and at the Henry Lord Community School.

The purpose of this competitive grant program is to support the planning and implementation of additional time for learning for students in grades K-5. Supported with federal funds, these opportunities will help to close proficiency gaps, increase student engagement, and promote college and career readiness and success. Funded activities will take place after the regular school day ends.

This spring, the John J. Doran Community School will apply for another three years of OST funding. Also, Morton Middle School will apply for three more years of funding for expanded learning time (ELT). The B.M.C. Durfee High School and the William S. Greene Elementary School are both designated exemplary sites by MADESE and are currently funded for three years.

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