

## 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 the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant Program. With approval from MADESE, the Fall River Public Schools will establish a new out-of-school time (OST) program at the Edmond P. Talbot Middle School.

The purpose of this competitive grant program is to support the planning and implementation of additional time for learning for students in grades 6-8. 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, B.M.C. Durfee High School will apply to become designated a demonstration site by MADESE and funded for another three years. This is the highest designation a site can achieve. Currently, the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program supports the extended school day at the Alfred Letourneau Elementary School and the Morton Middle School. It also supports after school programs at the John Doran Community School and the William S. Greene Elementary School, both of which are designated demonstration sites by MADESE. Last spring, the Mary L. Fonseca Elementary School was awarded funding for after school programming for three years.

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