



Board Agenda Item #	V. D – Information Item
Date:	11.14.2019
To:	Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Suat Acar, COO
RE:	Information regarding Youth Policy Institute's (YPI) ceasing operations & MPS's working with CDE to replace YPI with a new Community Business Organization

Proposed Board Motion

Information Item

Introduction

As mentioned in the related website ([the link](#)), the purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program, as described in federal statute, is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or expand activities that focus on:

1. Improved academic achievement
2. Enrichment services that reinforce and complement the academic program, and
3. Family literacy and related educational development services

Entities eligible to apply for funding include: local educational agencies (LEAs), cities, counties, community-based agencies, other public or private entities (which may include faith-based organizations), or a consortium of two or more such agencies, organizations, or entities. Applicants are required to plan their programs through a collaborative process that includes parents, youth, and representatives of participating schools or local educational agencies, governmental agencies (e.g., cities, counties, parks and recreation departments), community organizations, and the private sector.

The way the grant is structured is, the schools must make a partnership with a community business organization (CBO) to apply for this grant. Therefore, MPS and Youth Policy Institute got into a partnership and applied for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grants for MSA 1 High School, MSA 2 Middle and High School, MSA 3 High School and MSA 4 High School After School programs throughout the last 6 years. This grant holds the CBO as the fiscal agent (i.e.

they receive the money and spend with respect to certain guidelines). We continued with these partnerships until October 2019. However, at the end of October 2019, the current fiscal agent for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Youth Policy Institute (YPI) unexpectedly ceased operations.

CDE took the initiative to fix this asap and gave us 2 options:

1. Continue by us becoming the fiscal agent and choose a CBO
2. Select a new vendor (from the list provided by the CDE) to be the CBO to become the new fiscal agent.

We decided to go with Option 2 and work with ThinkTogether, Inc and get into a formal agreement to work together to provide expanded learning services funded through 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program grants received from the California Department of Education (CDE) at school sites within the Magnolia Public Schools.

Think Together will serve as the fiscal and administrative agent, as well as the program provider for 21st CCLC programs previously operated by the Youth Policy Institute, as described in Attachment A. Think Together will be responsible for all grant deliverables and comply with all grant requirements established by the CDE. Think Together will provide before-school, after-school, and summer learning programs, as applicable to each school's 21st CCLC grant award. Think Together will hire, train, and supervise all staff members placed at school sites to operate these programs and will purchase all materials and supplies necessary to deliver the services. Think Together will ensure that all staff members meet the minimum qualifications set by Education Code, including §45125.1 with respect to fingerprinting employees for criminal background check, and requiring a negative test result for tuberculosis, Think Together will collaborate with MPS to develop an evaluation plan, seek input from school administrators regarding program performance, and maintain ongoing communication regarding student needs and overall alignment with goals related to school climate and academic performance. Think Together will foster parent communication and involvement through parent orientations, providing families with a parent handbook outlining program policies and procedures in English and Spanish.

PARTNERSHIP STATUS

In accordance with Education Code §8484.8.(d), MPS was eligible to receive a 21st CCLC award was contingent upon jointly submitting an application with a community-based organization. MPS

has selected Think Together to serve as its co-applicant and both parties will maintain this partnership for the duration of the Term of each grant.

Grant Amounts and cycles

Think Together shall operate 21st CCLC programs at the following MPS schools:

- **Magnolia Science Academy 1** (CDS Code 19-10199-6119945) located at 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335
- **Magnolia Science Academy 2** (CDS Code 19-10199-0115212) located at 17125 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406
- **Magnolia Science Academy 3** (CDS Code 19-10199-0115030) located at 1254 East Helmick Street, Carson, CA 90746
- **Magnolia Science Academy 4** (CDS Code 19-64733-0117622) located at 11330 West Graham Place, B-9, Los Angeles, CA 90064

21st CCLC Grant #1 Term: MOU Execution Date to June 30, 2023.

21st CCLC Grant Component Annual Funding:

School	After-School Base Funding	After-School Supplemental Funding	Before-School Base Funding	Before-School Supplemental Funding	Total Annual Funding*
MPS 2 MS	\$150,000	\$45,000	\$49,000	\$14,700	\$258,700

*funding will be pro-rated for the Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

21st CCLC ASSETs Grant #2 Term: MOU Execution Date to June 30, 2023.

21st CCLC ASSETs Grant Component Annual Funding:

School	After-School Base Funding
MPS 1	\$250,000

*funding will be pro-rated for the Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

21st CCLC ASSETs Equitable Access Funding:

School	Annual Funding*
MPS 1	\$25,000

*funding will be pro-rated for the Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

21st CCLC ASSETs Grant #3 Term: MOU Execution Date to June 30, 2024.

21st CCLC ASSETs Grant Component Annual Funding:

School	After-School Base Funding
MPS 2 HS	\$250,000
MPS 3	\$73,148
MPS 4	\$250,000

*funding will be pro-rated for the Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

21st CCLC ASSETs Equitable Access Funding:

School	Annual Funding*
MPS 2 HS	\$25,000

*funding will be pro-rated for the Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

Exhibits (attachments):

- Appendix items: None