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21 New Schools/Districts Receive Grants

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that 21 new schools/districts were selected to receive 21st Century Community Learning Center grants to establish before- and after-school programs for youth, families and communities.

“These grants provide much-needed educational support services to students and their families around the state,” ADE Commissioner Tony Wood said. “We are pleased to award funding for new and existing programs for the 2014-15 school year.”

There are currently 91 CCLC programs, including the 21 new additions. The grant, totaling \$11,456,864 for 2014-15, will fund tutoring, homework assistance, and academic enrichment Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities at all CCLC programs around the state. Program activities also may include remedial education activities, arts and music education activities, entrepreneurial education programs, expanded library hours, and drug and violence prevention programs.

Arkansas became part of the U.S. Department of Education grant program in 2000, with CCLC programs serving more than 16,000 Arkansas youth last year. Nationally, more than \$1.4 billion have been awarded over the years.

The grants are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who meet Arkansas and U.S. Department of Education guidelines. To apply, a school must have a 40 percent or higher free/reduced lunch designation and operate programs a minimum of 12 hours each week, 25 weeks a year.

Each of the 21 new awardees will receive \$150,000 in 2014-15, \$150,000 in 2015-16 and \$120,000 the next three years, for a total of \$660,000.

The following new schools/districts were selected to receive funds starting in 2014-15:

- Academies of West Memphis – West Memphis School District
- Bald Knob Fine Arts Council – Bald Knob School District
- Booneville Elementary – Booneville School District

- Clinton Intermediate School – Clinton School District
- Cloverdale Elementary – Little Rock School District
- Dardanelle Middle & High Schools – Dardanelle School District
- Dermott School District
- Drew Central Middle School – Drew Central School District
- Eliza Miller Elementary – Helena-West Helena School District
- Hall High – Little Rock School District
- Hermitage Elementary – Hermitage School District
- J.O. Kelly Middle School – Springdale School District
- Jessierville Elementary – Jessierville School District
- Marvell-Elaine High School – Marvell School District
- Monticello Elementary – Monticello School District
- Murrell Taylor Elementary – Pulaski County Special School District
- Our House Inc. – Little Rock School District
- Prescott School District
- Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp – Little Rock School District
- St. Luke Baptist Church – Pulaski County Special School District
- Ward Central – Cabot School District

For more information about the CCLC program, go to <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/federal-programs/21st-century-community-learning-centers>.

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