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For nonprofit organizations interested in pursuing 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant through the Illinois State Board of Education, in partnership with a Chicago Public School (CPS), **FIRST** please read these instructions in their entirety. Requests that do not follow this protocol will be discarded. **DO NOT CALL/EMAIL CPS**

I. Before writing:

1. Check for schools currently named in an active 21st CCLC grant, <http://www.isbe.net/21cclc>.
2. Check for schools in federal improvement or state academic status, www.isbe.net/research/htmls/improvement.htm.
3. Check poverty status, webprod1.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/getProfileSearchCriteria.aspx.
4. Secure a letter from the principal(s) that clearly demonstrates his/her commitment to partner with your organization, willingness to collaborate, plan and implement the program, and his/her agreement to cooperate with meeting all grant reporting requirements. These letters should be drafted by the principal(s), **not** a signed form letter drafted by the applicant agency.
5. Submit the **ORIGINAL** principal letter(s) with an **ORIGINAL** cover letter* from your organization to:

Chicago Public Schools
Office of Pathways to College and Career (OPCC)
Academic and Learning Supports (ALS)
Community Schools Initiative
125 S. Clark St., 12th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

*Be sure to include an **email address** for CPS response. Your organization will be contacted via email. **DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL CPS.**

II. Next:

1. If no conflicts exist with the District's application, and your proposed partnership has been cleared by OPCC, you will receive an email with the **District's blank MOU**.
2. Complete the MOU. Secure your required agency authorized signature and signatures from all principals.
3. Complete your grant application.

III. Finally:

1. **NEW THIS YEAR:** District signatures on all documents and certifications will be provided on **ONE DAY ONLY -- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**

To secure all District signatures on that date, bring the original and one copy of the completed grant application to:

Chicago Public Schools
125 S. Clark St.
Board Chambers, Fifth Floor

Signing will take place between the hours of **10:00 am and 3:00 pm ONLY**. (The copy, once signed, will remain with the District.) **DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL.**

2. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to deliver the grant application to ISBE.**
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