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TO: Citizens of Maryland

FROM: Kristina Kyles-Smith, CAGS
Assistant State Superintendent  9.25.15

DATE: September 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Notification of Request for Tydings Waiver Amendment

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is requesting a Tydings waiver from the United States Department of Education. The Tydings waiver would extend the period to obligate unexpended funds granted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. In 2013, MSDE received \$14,430,552 in 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) funding. Per law, ninety-five percent of these funds must be awarded to eligible entities. However, \$3,800,000 remains unexpended. This Tydings waiver would extend the period to obligate funds granted in FY2013 until September 30, 2016.

This waiver from the United States Department of Education would provide authority to obligate and expend remaining FY2013 funds by September 30, 2016. This funding will enable MSDE to increase the number of out-of-school time programs for students and families who attend Title I school-wide programs or schools that serve a high percentage (at least 40%) of students from low-income families.

Please return this form on or before **October 9, 2015**, with your response to this request. You may return it electronically to Vanessa J. Diggs, Director, Youth Development Branch, Division of Student, Family and School Support at vanessa.diggs@msde.state.md.us. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diggs at (410) 767-0358. Ms. Diggs will be pleased to assist you.

RESPONSE FORM

____ I am in support of MSDE requesting a Tydings waiver for unobligated funds from FY13 in the amount of \$3,800,000.

____ I am not in support of MSDE requesting a Tydings waiver for unobligated funds from FY13 in the amount of \$3,800,000.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

City or County: _____

Date: _____