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Crosby Elementary School and Morningside Community School Aims for New Grant Program

Pittsfield, MA- Crosby Elementary School and Morningside Community School have announced that they have begun the application process for a Massachusetts's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) "Supporting Out-of-School Time Grant." The purpose of this competitive grant program is to support the planning and implementation of additional learning time for students in grades 2-5. These opportunities are designed to help close proficiency gaps, increase student engagement and support college and career readiness. Activities funded through this program will take place in the form of an after school program. Crosby has previously been a grant recipient. Overarching priorities for the grant include:

- Using more time to implement service-learning and project-based teaching and learning strategies that are multi-disciplinary and support core subject areas.
- Using more time to provide additional opportunities for creative and innovative enrichment that support students in all developmental areas (academic, social/emotional, civic engagement, wellness, etc.)
- Using more time to provide additional opportunities for adults (include school staff, program providers and community partners) to participate in collaborative planning and professional development that supports desired student outcomes.
- Building strong school-community partnerships and engaging families to support student outcomes in all developmental areas.
- Creating sustainable models for providing additional quality learning time.

Learn more about this program at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/21cclc>.