



## Wyoming 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

Kirsten Baesler  
Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education

Dear Assistant Secretary Baesler,

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) respectfully requests a Tydings waiver regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) funds awarded under Section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. The WDE seeks to extend the period of availability for these funds until September 30, 2026.

This request to extend the obligation period is submitted pursuant to Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Approval of this waiver will permit the WDE, in accordance with the criteria it establishes, to expend the remaining FY 2023 awarded balance identified herein.

In support of this request, the WDE provides the following information:

- **Justification for Extension of Obligation Period:** The subject funds were not liquidated during the standard period of availability due to unspent subgrantee awards and challenges in the transfer of accounts from old to new grant management system, which delayed the final reconciliation and closeout of the FY 2023 awards. The WDE has since resolved the system transfer issues and is currently working diligently with current subgrantees to finalize expenditures.
- **Funds Requested for Draw Down:** The WDE requests authorization to draw down a total of \$62,311.06 from the remaining balance. This figure represents actual expenditures incurred.
- **Compliance Assurance:** The WDE assures that all subgrantees will utilize these funds in strict accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications governing this waiver.
- **Mitigation of Negative Effects:** The WDE will oversee subgrantees to identify and mitigate any potential negative effects resulting from the approval of this waiver. At this time, the WDE does not anticipate any negative impact associated with this request.
- **Attestation of Accuracy:** I hereby attest that the information contained in this request is accurate and that the funds will be utilized for allowable purposes under the ESEA.
- **Continued Monitoring:** Upon approval of this amendment seeking an extension of the obligation period, the WDE will continue to monitor the use of these federal funds in full compliance with state and federal requirements.

**Public Notice:** The WDE has provided public notice regarding this waiver request by posting relevant information on its official website. (Please see [Insert URL] for the public notice). During the comment period, the WDE received [Number] public comments.

Sincerely,