



Dear Community Members,

The Hernando County Education Foundation (HCEF) hereby notifies the Hernando County community of our intention to apply to the Florida Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers(21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) program grant. This is a five year grant that will benefit the public and private schools in Hernando County. HCEF will submit the application to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) before May 15, 2020. The grant funds will be utilized to provide FREE afterschool STEAM programs to the following schools: **Eastside Elementary, Moton Elementary, Pine Grove Elementary, Deltona Elementary, Westside Elementary, J.D. Floyd Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Explorer K-8, Parrott Middle, Brooksville Elementary, Winding Waters K-8, and Powell Middle**

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) is a FREE after school program that provides academic and personal enrichment services to Hernando County's youth and families. The program is federally funded and monitored by the FLDOE. Youth and families will receive academic and personal enrichment education by trained and certified specialist, as well as business partners in the community. Academics are taught by the Hernando County School Board (HCSB) certified teachers with a 1:10 ratio. Services may include, but are not limited to, academic support, health & nutrition, fitness education, career and technical education, performing arts, exploration and professional development. Each child receives daily a hot dinner and an afternoon snack. Enrichments program includes dance, theater and vocal/stage Presence offered by contracted local professional organization "Stir Up The Gift". The STEAM program will be ran by HCEF which is the direct support to the Hernando County School District.

More information about the 21st CCLC Program may be obtained by visiting the FLDOE website: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/21st-century-community-learning-center/program-summaries.stml>

If you have any questions concerning the 21st CCLC program grant proposal or the Hernando County Education Foundation please contact us at 352-544-6418 or email Tammy Brinker at [brinker\\_t@hcsb.k12.fl.us](mailto:brinker_t@hcsb.k12.fl.us).

A copy of the RFP for this grant can be found on our website: <https://hernandoeducationfoundation.org/>

Sincerely,

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