

March 6th, 2023

Attention School Administrator:



We're writing to inform you that the Autism Model School ("the district," "the school"), in partnership with a community-based organization, is currently developing a Fiscal Year 2024 Request for Application (RFA) to continue operating the Afterschool Astros, a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) program, for the 2023 to 2024 school year.

21st CCLC funding is intended to establish community learning centers that provide high-quality programming to students during non-school hours. 21st CCLC programs in Ohio are required to provide students with academic enrichment, family involvement activities and an array of additional services.

The Afterschool Astros program will be housed within the school's campus at 3020 Tremainsville Road. The target students attending the Autism Model School – **grades 9 through 12** – and high school students enrolled in private, non-public schools within a reasonable proximity of the school are eligible to participate.

As required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA, Section 9501 [20 U.S.C. 7881]), we are obligated to provide eligible, non-profit, private schools with timely, meaningful and ongoing consultation, the ability to present their views, the opportunity to have those views seriously considered and the ability to have a discussion of viable options for ensuring **equitable participation of private school students**, teachers and other educational personnel.

Additional information regarding our 21st CCLC program and details surrounding consultation with non-publics are available online at **amstoledo.org/astros**.

If you wish to participate further in the development of the district's 21st Century Community Learning Center RFA **please contact Mary Jo Besase**, the Program Manager for the Afterschool Astros, at **mjbesase@amstoledo.org**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Vidovic', is written over a light blue circular background.

Joel Vidovic
Director, Autism Model School