

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attention School Leader:



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 2025 Request for Application (RFA) to launch the Afterschool Astros 2.0 (Voyagers), a Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Program, for the 2024 to 2025 school year.

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding is intended to establish community learning centers that provide high-quality programming to students during non-school hours. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (5 miles or less) 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 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program and details surrounding consultation with non-publics are available online at **amstoledo.org/astros**. You may also refer to the second page of this letter for a list of required topics for consultation.

If you wish to participate further in the development of the district's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center RFA **please contact Mary Jo Besase**, the Program Manager for the Afterschool Astros, at [mjbesase@amstoledo.org](mailto:mjbesase@amstoledo.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. Vidovic", is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Joel Vidovic  
Director, Autism Model School

# Consultation Checklist

As an applicant for the Fiscal Year 2025 Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program grant, the Autism Model School ("the agency") requests private school leadership consultation and feedback on the following items for our planned Afterschool Astros 2.0 (Voyagers) program:

- ☐ how the children's needs will be identified;
- ☐ what services will be offered;
- ☐ how, where, and by whom the services will be provided;
- ☐ how the services will be assessed and how the results of the assessment will be used to improve those services;
- ☐ the size and scope of the equitable services to be provided to the eligible private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel and the amount of funds available for those services; and
- ☐ how and when the agency, consortium, or entity will make decisions about the delivery of services, including a thorough consideration and analysis of the views of the private school officials on the provision of contract services through potential third-party providers.