



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Agenda Section: Presentation/Report

Agenda Item Title: 2026-2027 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 13, Year 1 Grant

From/Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent

Description: South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD) has submitted an application as a single entity for the 2026–2027 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), Cycle 13, Year 1 grant.

If awarded, funding may range from \$150,000 to \$2,000,000 annually for a five-year grant cycle. The purpose of the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, also known as Texas ACE, is to expand access to high-quality out-of-school-time learning opportunities for students in high-need communities.

The program is designed to help students strengthen academic performance while providing enrichment experiences that support their social, emotional, and physical development. These opportunities ensure students have access to safe, structured, and engaging learning environments beyond the regular school day.

This is a highly competitive grant opportunity, with approximately forty grants to be awarded statewide. Notifications to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and other eligible entities are expected in July 2026.

This agenda item serves as the required public announcement of the district’s grant submission.

Historical Data: South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) has historically provided after school programming at all elementary campuses through grant-funded partnerships with the City of San Antonio (COSA). However, beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, COSA grant funding was discontinued. As a result, SSAISD has assumed financial responsibility for sustaining after school programming to continue supporting students and families.

Currently, SSAISD offers after school programming at six elementary campuses. Madla Elementary students are served through the program at Armstrong Elementary, and Palo Alto Elementary students are served at Hutchins Elementary. This strategic approach allows SSAISD to continue providing access to after school enrichment and academic support while maximizing available resources.

Recommendation: N/A

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A