Ohio’s Afterschool stakeholders would like a reversal of that decision and here’s why:

**FACTS…**
- Currently Ohio has 276 21st Century Community Learning Center grant funded programs.
- 134 of those grants – nearly half - will expire on June 30, 2017.
- Ohio’s 21st CCLC programs currently serve 43,205 students. Half will be without a program.
- 419 communities in Ohio are currently served by 21st CCLC Programs.

**THE DEMAND IS OVERWHELMING…**
- In FY17, ODE received over 200 21st CCLC grant applications: only 26 applications were funded (13%).
- Another 846,248 Ohio students say they would participate in an afterschool program if it was available.
- At this time, Ohio is currently under-serving the increasing demand for Afterschool programs by 53%. Eliminating even one program that could be continued would not be in the best interest of Ohio’s students or families and will impact Ohio’s future workforce.

**OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE LOST…**
- **Over 20,000 students** will not have access to high quality, academically-focused Afterschool programs.
- Strategic and collaborative **community partnerships**, highly encouraged by new ESSA policy, between 21st CCLC programs, school districts and community based organizations **will come to a grinding halt**.
- **Over 250 school districts** that depend on 21st CCLC programs to help support the work of teachers, will find themselves with no programs nor staff to help reinforce academic concepts after school.
- An estimated **1200 jobs will be lost**, as 21st CCLC program employees, plus the employees of non-profit Community Based Organizations that support these programs, will be laid off and unemployed.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO…**
- **SIGN ON TO THE OAN LETTER** – add your organization’s support in asking Superintendent DeMaria to reverse this decision and continue the 21st CCLC Funding in FY18.
- **SHARE THE OAN 1 PAGER** – Forward this document, post it at your programs, give copies to your school district leadership.
- **ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS** – talk to parents, community partners, school district leadership, municipal leaders, colleagues and friends – gather their support and commitment to lend their voice. In the upcoming weeks OAN will release templates for letters that stakeholders can send, reinforcing continuing to fund 21st CCLC programs in Ohio.
- **DON’T WAIT** - The time to act is now. #OHKidsCantWait