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Washington Office of Superintendent of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**  
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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Notice to the public and school districts of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI's) application to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for waivers of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) assessment, accountability, and school identification requirements for the 2020-2021 school year.

OSPI is required to notify Washington public school districts of the state's waiver requests. Districts are asked to provide comment on the waiver requests to OSPI. Comments from districts/the public will be provided to ED.

Please send comments to Heidi Schultz, 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Supervisor, at [heidi.schultz@k12.wa.us](mailto:heidi.schultz@k12.wa.us), by 5pm. Thursday October 1, 2020.

### **Washington's Waiver Request**

OSPI is requesting this waiver to advance student academic achievement by providing supplemental academic enrichment activities and other allowable 21st CCLC activities and services during times when school is in session but students would benefit from additional resources (e.g., when students are not physically present in school but are participating in remote or independent learning due to the disruptions caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)).

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### **Waiver Request**

If granted the 21st Century Community Center Programs may request to waive activities provided only during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school or during summer recess).