

## **Springfield School District**

### **Funded amount \$500,000**

In the pursuit of creating nurturing and inclusive environments for students, this proposal develops a transformative 21st CCLC program at two elementary schools and one middle school. Engaging diverse students, we cultivate a sense of belonging and foster a love for learning. The goal is to co-create innovative summer and after-school initiatives, providing a comprehensive blend of enrichment, recreation, academics, CTE, SEL, and community connection, prioritizing K-8th grade focal student groups at Title IA schools. The program is designed to be robust and grounded in the needs of the community, families, and students.

To achieve the desired outcomes, evidence-based, hands-on learning experiences, connected to state standards, extend learning beyond the confines of the classroom. SEL and mental health are embedded, leveraging community partnerships to ensure holistic support. Targeted academic support is provided, addressing areas of improvement identified by students. Recreation and enrichment activities, such as PE, music, art, cooking, nutrition, and STEAM, are co-designed with community partners.

The impact of this program is measured through various indicators. Students who participate in the program demonstrate increased achievement levels, as measured by assessments and GPA; improved attendance rates; and a greater sense of connection to school, as measured by the SEED survey.