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# Letter to Sam Seidel from State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Education

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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Peter McWalters  
Commissioner

June 25, 2004

Mr. Sam Seidel  
Director of Youth Programs  
AS220  
115 Empire Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Seidel:

The review process for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers proposals has been completed. I am pleased to inform you that AS220 has been recommended for funding. A team of ten individuals representing public and private agencies and organizations read, discussed, scored and ranked each of the proposals. This was a very competitive process, with your proposal competing among a total of eighteen (18) worthy applications. Ten (10) proposals have been recommended for funding. Congratulations!

As you know, the commitment for funding is for a three year period of level funding, with some potential of reduced funding for an additional year or two. All grants are contingent on the receipt of federal funds to the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Enclosed, for your information, is a "Strengths and Weaknesses" form that provides some feedback on your proposal. **There may also be some outstanding program and/or fiscal issues that will need to be addressed satisfactorily before a grant award can be issued.**

Please contact George McDonough (222-4600 X2372, [mcgeorge@ride.ri.net](mailto:mcgeorge@ride.ri.net)) or Jackie Ascrizzi (222-4600 X2362, [ascrizzi@ride.ri.net](mailto:ascrizzi@ride.ri.net)) to discuss the fiscal issues and the next steps in finalizing your grant award.

Again, congratulations! And welcome to the Rhode Island 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Network.

Sincerely,

Virginia da Mota, Director  
Office of School Improvement and Support Services

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