

## **Congressman Buddy Carter to Visit 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center at Gadsden Elementary School**



### **NOTE TO REPORTERS, EDITORS AND PRODUCERS:**

Please find with this message information from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System.

### **SCCPSS ADVISORY:**

Congressman Buddy Carter will visit the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center at Gadsden Elementary School on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is one of Georgia's 128 grantees of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Program, the only federal funding dedicated to providing young people with quality enrichment and supervision during the hours when school is out, including afterschool, weekends, holidays and over the summer. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program (CCLC) grants offer free and expanded academic services to students which also enrich them socially, interpersonally, culturally, developmentally, and occupationally during non-school hours.

Across Georgia, the program serves over 27,000 youth at 237 sites. In Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program serves approximately 700 students daily in our 9 programs at Butler ES, Gadsden ES, Gould ES, Hodge ES, the School of Humanities at Juliette Low ES, East Broad K-8, DeRenne MS, Myers MS and Groves HS. Those approximate 700 students attend 145 days and receive more than 15,030 hours of academic and enrichment activities year round like Reading, Math, Character Counts, Yoga, STREAM/STEAM/STEM, Boys Scout, Girls Scout of America, Fitness, Computer Coding, Cooking, Arts and Design, Drama, Gardening, Girls Group, and so much more.

SCCPSS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers employ over 250 teachers, advocates, enrichment staff, and nutritionists year round. A recent report released by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) shows that students participating in Georgia's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program have higher school day attendance than the state average, a key indicator of future academic success.

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### **About The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network**

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) ([www.afterschoolga.org](http://www.afterschoolga.org)) is a public-private collaborative that envisions a day when all communities in Georgia have the resources to provide exceptional afterschool programming. Our mission is to advance, connect, and support quality afterschool programs to promote the success of children and youth throughout Georgia.

**WHAT:** Congressman Buddy Carter Visits 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**WHERE:** Gadsden Elementary School, 919 May Street, Savannah