



October 26, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Century (BLEC) 21st Century COLA Program is offering students at Northside Middle School the opportunity to participate in academic enrichment in the fall and spring semesters to include afterschool programming and six weeks of summer camp in the summer months.

The 21st Century COLA Program is a grant funded academic enrichment program sponsored by the S.C. Department of Education. In this program, your child will receive academic enrichment primarily in math and reading; tutoring; homework assistance; character education; other core subjects; and leadership development. The 21st Century COLA Program will expose your child to guest speakers/subject matter experts; career explorations; and field trips. A light meal and snacks will be provided to each child in the program.

As a condition for students to participate in the BLEC's 21st Century COLA Program, the S.C. Department of Education requires that we register each child for the program and track their daily academic, attendance, and behavior progress while in the program. As a result, we require access to your child's school records to include academic records (i.e., grades); any information regarding special accommodations from IEP or 504 plan; attendance and discipline records.

You will need to sign this consent form authorizing Northside Middle School to share your child's school records with the BLEC 21st Century COLA Program. All information received by the BLEC will be kept confidential and only aggregate or group data will be reported to the S.C. Department of Education. This data is used to assess student progress and outcomes.

Please submit the consent form to the BLEC with your child's registration forms and the BLEC will submit consent form to Northside Middle School for their notification.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, executive director, and interim project director for the 21st Century COLA Program (email: crichburgcotton@brookland.cc | Office number: (803) 747-3519)

Name of Student _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

