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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you may know Camden County College is beginning year four of the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant, named 21st Century Scholars. The College has partnered with Overbrook High School to provide an array of college courses, activities and services for your child. The vision for the 21st Century Scholars Afterschool Program is to develop high quality, out-of-school time programs.

Research shows that students who attend afterschool programs demonstrate marked improvement in their grades, test taking skills and social emotional behavior with peers and adults. In addition, another benefit for your student is access to college credit courses at no cost to you or your student for transfer to postsecondary institutions.

The program serves students in grades 9-12 and meets afterschool Monday-Friday, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm in the high school. A snack is provided by the Food Bank of South Jersey and bus transportation is provided each day for program participants.

One of the most important aspects of this program is attendance at the afterschool activities on a regular basis. In order to obtain the best benefits, and improve grades students are encouraged to attend the program a minimum of (30) days.

Quarterly Federal and State reporting requires the program to access your student's grades, attendance, test scores and discipline records in order to determine program effectiveness and report student outcomes. I have included an application with release information which would allow the high school to provide the 21st Century Scholars Program with this data. In addition, the Food Bank of South Jersey will receive a list containing names only of student participants in the afterschool program who receive snack. By signing and returning the application, you agree to the above requests.

We ask that the application be signed and returned to the School's Guidance Office, or the 21st Century Scholars mailbox in the main office. Your student can contact myself or the 21st Century Scholars Coordinator, Brittany Johnson, about program services, courses and activities directly. She can be contacted at brittany.johnson@casl.camdencc.edu or 856-227-7200 ext.4530.

PROGRAM HAS OPEN ENROLLMENT.

Sincerely,

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