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## **THORNTON FRACTIONAL DISTRICT 215**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **District 215 Receives 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant**

**(Calumet City, IL) – November 28, 2012:** Thornton Fractional High School District 215 applied for and received a one-time \$134,000 grant award from the Illinois State Board of Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program for the 2012-2013 school year. The district may apply for an additional two years of funding through the program upon sufficient progress of grant mandated activities.

The purpose of the grant is to provide academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and their families.

Funds will be used to provide 18 programs and services including access to computer labs and fitness centers, after-school tutoring, parenting and wellness classes, college access outreach workshops for students and parents, cooking, nutrition, and gardening classes, and career development seminars.

All of the programs and services made available through the district's 21<sup>st</sup> century program will be provided for free to all TF North, TF South, and TF Center students and their families.

"I encourage all of our families to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities afforded to them through this grant project including assistance with college and scholarship applications, parenting classes, journalism and Microsoft Office training", said District Superintendent Dr. Creg E. Williams. Williams also said, "We anticipate these programs will have a tremendous, positive impact on our students and our community."

Like other school and district administrators, TF Center Principal Kent Farlow is enthused about the program. "The 21<sup>st</sup> century program will provide us with the additional resources we need to improve students' readiness for college and increase parental involvement in school activities", remarked Farlow.

Program activities will take place at all three school locations – TF North, TF South, and TF Center – and will start during the week of January 14, 2013.