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Important Update on 21st Century Grant Funding – Full Board Attendance Requested

As you may be aware, the 21st Century grant funds allocated to our Club are currently frozen by the state government. This is not unique to our location—this freeze is affecting Boys and Girls Clubs across Kansas. While the funding has been allocated to us, it is temporarily inaccessible due to state-level issues.

We are actively working on a path forward. Together with Aaron (Boys & Girls Club of America), we have begun developing a plan to speak directly with our state legislators to advocate for the release of these funds. In addition, we will be enacting new fundraising efforts to ensure our Club remains stable and sustainable regardless of grant outcomes.

We want to be clear: we are not shutting our doors. However, we must be proactive. If the grant funding remains unavailable, we may need to make adjustments to some of our programs, but our mission will continue, and the Club will remain open to serve our youth.

To move forward effectively, it is critical that all board members, parents, and community leaders attend our upcoming board meeting, next Thursday, July 17. Your presence, input, and support are vital as we begin organizing our advocacy and fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Club. Together, we will navigate this challenge and emerge stronger.

Thank you, Ashley Tatman- Board Chair