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WATCH: 'CBS This Morning' visits N.J. school program threatened by Trump budget

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An after-school program in Plainfield was the focal point of a "CBS This Morning" report on similar programs nationwide that are threatened by President Donald Trump's proposed budget cuts.

Plainfield's 21st Century Community Learning Center is one of more than 9,500 similar programs nationwide, according to the report. These after-school programs receive federal funding, money that may soon be gone if President Trump's proposed cuts to the Department of Education are approved.

Students in public schools and colleges around New Jersey could see programs eliminated if President Donald Trump's budget proposal is enacted.

Reporter Michelle Miller visited the school, where she interviewed students and administrators. Zelda Spence, the project director of the Plainfield program, told Miller that almost all of the students who enroll in the program graduate high school and go on to either graduate college or obtain a vocation.

"Our children here struggle," Spence said in the report. "Many of our families are economically compromised, and we're able to provide opportunities that their parents just don't have the money to be able to do."

The "CBS This Morning" report, however, didn't express all good news about the program. Miller noted that the success seen in Plainfield has not been consistently seen nationwide, with just over a third of enrolled students across the country showing improvement in math and English, according to 2014 Department of Education statistics.

The report also spoke to said Lindsey Burke, the conversation think tank The Heritage Foundation, who argued that after-school programs should not be funded on the federal level.

This was the second "CBS This Morning" segment in as many days to focus on New Jersey. Yesterday the show -- hosted by Gayle King, Charlie Rose and Nora O'Donnell -- highlighted the Newark-based AeroFarms, a pioneer in vertical farming.

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