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Dutchess BOCES to be Awarded \$1.5 Million to Develop Teacher and Principal Leaders Additional Grants Awarded to Support Dutchess County Literacy and CTI Programs

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – October 28, 2014 - Dutchess BOCES is being awarded three grants that will enable the agency to further develop educational leaders, to expand adult literacy education, and to support career and technical education.

The New York State Education Department announced last week that Dutchess BOCES is being awarded a \$1.5 million grant to help develop teacher leaders, aspiring principals, and principal leaders in Dutchess County schools. The grant is the largest of 21 grants to be awarded throughout the state.

Dutchess BOCES will serve as the lead educational agency for the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Dissemination (STLE D) grant. The effort will share successful innovations and best practices that were developed in an earlier Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness 2 grant to more educators throughout the county.

The Millbrook Central School District, Poughkeepsie City School District, Rhinebeck Central School District, Spackenkill Union Free School District, and Wappingers Central School District will participate. Collectively, the five districts serve approximately 19,900 students with 1,485 teachers, 25 assistant principals, and 33 principals.

A \$181,774 grant, funded under the federal Workforce Investment Act, was awarded to operate current literacy program sites and to establish new satellite classes throughout Dutchess County, ensuring individuals in greatest need have access to literacy program services. High School Equivalency (HSE®) preparation, and ESOL (English as a second language) instruction, digital literacy training, and job readiness activities will be included. Each participant will receive case management services, access to counseling, and the assistance of a job placement specialist.

During the 2011-2012 school year, more than 1,400 individuals participated in Dutchess BOCES literacy, distance learning, and post-secondary occupational training programs.

The Dutchess BOCES Career and Technical Institute has been awarded a Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education grant in the amount of \$247,000 to help support the career and technical education programs offered to students at the agency's Salt Point Campus

For more information about the expansive educational services offered by Dutchess BOCES, please contact Linda A. Heitmann, Deputy Superintendent.

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