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STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS EARN \$2.4 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS

21st Century Community Learning Centers to benefit students and families from Hart Magnet Elementary, Springdale Elementary, and Dolan Middle Schools

Stamford (September 22, 2009) Students from three schools in the Stamford public school district - Hart Magnet Elementary, Springdale Elementary, and Dolan Middle Schools will benefit from a total of \$2.4 million over the next five years for programs that will increase after school academic support, enrichment, and recreational activities.

In earning the highly competitive grants, the schools will partner with the ROSCCO Stamford School Community Organization Inc. and CTE in delivering the services and programs. The grants will establish 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Hart, Dolan, and CTE, an anti-poverty agency which serves students and families from Springdale.

A description of the three programs is below:

Hart Magnet Elementary School (partner and fiduciary: ROSCCO Stamford School Community Organization)

Hart will receive approximately \$900,000 over 5 years for school-based activities including mentoring, performing arts, Boy and Girl Scouts, and positive youth development for 150 students. Parent outreach and involvement will be emphasized in the form of ESL classes and referrals to health resources. Academic and small group tutorials, supervised homework time, and enrichment activities in literacy, math, and science will be offered, as will character education and community service projects.

Springdale Elementary School (partner and fiduciary: CTE)

CTE will receive approximately \$600,000 over 5 years for CTE-based activities for 75 Springdale students and families who live in the southend of Stamford. Programs will include tutoring, health and wellness classes, and recreational activities for students. Workshops in literacy, finance, and reading will be available for families.

Dolan Middle School (partner: ROSCCO Stamford School Community Organization/fiduciary: SPS)

Dolan will receive approximately \$900,000 over 5 years for school-based activities including enrichment, remediation, tutoring, recreational, and literacy activities. There will be parent training and community service components. The 21st Century Community Learning Center at Dolan replicates a successful after school program model that was established and implemented at Rippowam Middle School in 2008-2009.

At each of the three 21st Century Community Learning Center grant program, the expected outcomes for students include improvement in all academic subjects and in CMT scores, a decrease in at-risk behaviors, an increase in healthy behaviors such as regular exercise and improved eating habits, and the attainment of personal goals. Expected outcomes for families include improved parenting skills and increased involvement in their children's school work and communities.

