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### **Sullivan BOCES Awarded Teacher Center Grant**

LIBERTY – Sullivan County BOCES was awarded with a \$106,895 Teacher Center Grant for the 2011-2012 school year. The funds are dedicated to support the work of the Network Team at Sullivan County BOCES and build capacity in accordance with Race to the Top initiatives to enhance teacher practice and effectiveness to improve student learning outcomes.

The grant will allow Sullivan County educators to develop the capacity and competencies needed to implement the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and engage in teacher practices that result in a higher level of student achievement. To reach all teachers in Sullivan County, the Teacher Center is committed to deliver programs in various formats, at different levels of content, and in different locations. The following technology will be used to accomplish this effort: webinars, video conferences, and other online tools and Web 2.0 resources to reach all teachers. In addition to developing the capacity of all teachers in these new competencies, evidence-based practices will be supported through workshops and job-alike programs.

The Teacher Center continues to offer teachers curriculum support through programs such as the StarLab and the teacher workroom. The teacher workroom, located at the Sullivan County BOCES Administration Building, is equipped with a computer that includes software to design cut-outs for instructional bulletin boards or manipulatives. A large poster printer and cold laminator are also available for the creation of supplemental program materials to enhance teacher lessons.

To date, the Teacher Center has engaged the following educators to assist with this effort: Judy Carr, Director at the Center for Curriculum Renewal, will primarily focus on online tools and resources. Carole O'Neill, Consultant, will target Common Core Learning Standards and Laurie Silver, consultant, will address evidence-based practices.

For more information regarding the Teacher Center please contact Cindy Mickelson at (845) 295-4021. For information about the programs and services Sullivan BOCES offers visit our website at [scboces.org](http://scboces.org) and become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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