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The Dime Bank Sponsors School Stock Market Challenge

Honesdale, PA / December 20, 2017 – The Dime Bank recently contributed \$7,000.00 to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to support the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL). This donation, which was made through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, will provide funding to support local schools in the sponsorship of the Wayne and Pike County Stock Market Challenge from PennCFL.

Teams of high school students will represent their schools in a special local, competitive, investment competition which offers players in grades 3-12 the opportunity to manage a hypothetical \$100,000.00 portfolio by investing in stocks chosen from the USA markets: American, New York, and NASDAQ exchanges. The competition teaches students about investing and encourages financial literacy through hands-on activities in the classroom. The schools invited to participate are Canaan Christian Academy, Carbondale Area, Delaware Valley, Forest City Regional, Wallenpaupack Area, Wayne Highlands and Western Wayne High Schools. The game will begin on February 5, 2018 and will end on May 15, 2018.

PennCFL, part of the World Council on Financial Literacy, proudly sponsors this program. The mission is to provide Pennsylvania's K-12 students with economic, personal finance, and entrepreneurship skills that elevate their standard of living, quality of life, and professional success. For additional information, please contact Alan Dakey at 717- 512-2665 or Carolyn Shirk at carolyn.shirk@verizon.net or call 570-975-5149.

The EITC program, which is administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, provides a tax rebate program. The Dime Bank has been participating in the EITC program since 2001 and is dedicated to supporting education in our communities through the sponsorship of many different programs and venues. Serving its primary market of Northeast Pennsylvania since 1905, the bank offers a full array of financial services and solutions. For more information, visit www.thedimebank.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.