

Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Program

Grantee Information:

Grantee: **Coxsackie-Athens Central School**

Abstract:

The Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Grant will be utilized by Coxsackie-Athens Central Schools in the following way:

- 1) To fully develop our STEM program at the elementary school a portion of one of our STEM teachers' time will be spent working with our elementary teachers designing curriculum and modeling implementation of lessons in this area.
- 2) Further, as part of this grant Coxsackie-Athens will place our benchmark assessments online. This consists of three assessments per subject area for each year. By having students take assessments online we hope to accomplish two tasks. First, to prepare our students and infrastructure for the technology demands that will be placed on us when state testing is done online. Second, online testing allows for a quick turn over in terms of scoring. Coxsackie-Athens believes that data is the driving force of instruction and by doing tests online we will make this data available to staff almost immediately.
- 3) To both encourage teachers to become "masters of their profession" and to provide support for teachers who are struggling this grant will also be used to enhance our TLE continuum by developing a master teacher program. This program will provide extra pay to teachers designated as "master teachers" in areas of need, especially students with special needs and low socio-economic status. To become a master teacher staff will have to receive a highly effective rating and attend a teacher leader workshop series provided by Questar III BOCES. These master teachers will then be available to coach struggling teachers, model lessons, and develop curriculum.

Coxsackie-Athens Central School District is committed to excellence and developing career and college ready students. The money provided by the STLE grant will allow us to implement measures that are advantageous and sustainable.

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