

Dover H.S. club to get field-trip transport

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HIGHLAND — Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, sponsor of the Scrub Club at Dover High School, has announced it will partner with First Student Inc., a school-bus transportation company, to provide in-kind local services that will enable club members to be transported to and from field trips.

Scrub Club was launched as a pilot program in the Dover Union Free School District this year.

It is designed to help high school students build solid futures by introducing them to a broad array of health-care careers through interactive programs, hands-on activities and field trips.

By fostering long-term partnerships among businesses, educators, community-based organizations and parents, Scrub Club helps prepare young people to meet the challenges and requirements of careers in the health-care industry.

“This is a great student engagement and empowerment program and we are happy to be a partner in this endeavor,” said Susan Langton, assistant contract manager for First Student.

The Scrub Club program was conceptualized by and developed in collaboration with the Foundation for Community Health.

In July, the group received a \$2,500 grant from Northeast Dutchess Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, to help develop and support the Scrub Club program to be implemented at the Dover High School during the 2012-13 school year.

“We are very excited that the Scrub Club program has generated so much interest and support from local communities,” said Kathryn Reed, executive director of the center.

“The funds will be used for nonpersonnel costs directly related to implementing and running this program in the first year,” Reed added,

Berkshire Taconic formed the Northeast Dutchess Fund in 2002 to improve the quality of life in Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, Wingdale and their hamlets.

Grants have been awarded on an annual basis to libraries, community centers, school districts, women shelters and child-care programs across the region.

Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center is a nonprofit organization devoted to improving

the quality, geographic distribution and retention of health-care professionals, and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area.

Organizations interested in becoming a Scrub Club sponsor may contact the center at 845-883-7260.