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Wayne County and Finger Lakes to Launch Regional Community Schools Initiative June 20 in Lyons

Consortium will Bring Together Schools, Services, Families and Businesses to Improve Student Outcomes

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (11:00 am - Impact Displays; 11:45 am - Lunch & Informational Program)

Place: Maitre D' Restaurant, 12 Pearl St., Lyons, New York

Finger Lakes Community Schools, in partnership with the Wayne County Community Consortium of Community Schools, will launch a regional community schools effort to enhance opportunities for local students at a meeting June 20th in Lyons. The community schools initiative takes advantage of schools' abilities to provide both "a place and a set of partnerships" for services that impact youth and families, including academics, health, social services and community development. Wayne County has been a leader in this movement. Broader collaboration will enhance opportunities for young people throughout the Finger Lakes.

Local and state leaders in the community schools effort will participate in the meeting. They will review progress to-date and seek guidance from local partners to develop successful strategies to shape the growth of community schools.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to collect, coordinate and align resources that will lead to better outcomes for our kids," said Jay Roscup, Community Schools Director for the Wayne County Consortium.

Core elements of community schools include:

1. Family and community engagement
2. Collaborative leadership
3. Expanded learning
4. Integrated student supports

“Community schools hold tremendous potential for youth,” said Kelly Sturgis, Executive Director of the New York State Network for Youth Success. “When local families and community partners come together, significant strides can be made to keep students safe, learning and healthy - and help them visualize and achieve success.”

About The New York State Network for Youth Success

The New York State Network for Youth Success is dedicated to building a youth-serving system that increases the quality and availability of afterschool and expanded learning programs. The Network for Youth Success supports all programs that promote young people’s intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development outside the traditional school day. These programs include those that serve youth in kindergarten through 12th grade, take place in schools and/or in community-based settings, and occur before and after school, during weekends, holidays, and summer breaks, or during the school day through partnerships with community organizations.

The Network for Youth Success convenes partners and coordinates them around a common agenda focused on partnership development, policy development, and capacity building. The network connects practice with policy across a broad range of state, regional, and local partners that represent the afterschool, expanded learning, community schools, and youth development fields broadly.

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