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HONESDALE – The Dime Bank will support local schools in the sponsorship of the Wayne and Pike County Stock Market Challenge from the Pennsylvania Council of Financial Literacy. The sponsorship will include all the 3rd to 12th grade students for both the fall and spring games. The fall game that begins on Oct 8th and the spring game, that begins on Feb 11th.

For the spring game, an extra special competition will be held for high and middle schools. These students will represent their schools in a special local and competitive, investment competition. This program is co-sponsored by The Wayne Independent, Carbondale News, and the News Eagle newspapers.

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 Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy sponsored stock market competition offers players in grades 3-12 the opportunity to manage a hypothetical \$100,000 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.

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Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL) 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.

PennCFL sponsors financial games and programs with the participation of over seven thousand students, in 45 counties in the state, including many local schools. Also, they offer entrepreneurship conferences and competitions with partnering colleges and universities. All teachers are offered free training and support. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Shirk, Vice President at carolyn.shirk@verizon.net or call 570-975-5149.