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**HONESDALE** – The Dime Bank is proud to again support local schools in the sponsorship of the Wayne and Pike County Stock Market Challenge from the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy. President and Chief Executive Officer Peter Bochnovich commented, “We feel it is very worthwhile for students to gain a greater understanding of the world of finance. It provides them a foundation for their future success. It is our hope that all of the eligible schools will participate and take advantage of this learning opportunity.” The sponsorship will include the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for *both* the fall and spring games, for all divisions – elementary, middle and high schools. The fall game concluded in December. The spring game starts Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

For the spring game, an extra special local competition will be held for high and middle school students. This program is co-sponsored by The Wayne Independent, Carbondale News, The Villager and the News Eagle newspapers. The grand finale celebration will be held on May 20, 2020 at the Boiler Room, in Hawley, PA. The schools invited to participate are Canaan Christian Academy, Carbondale Area, Delaware Valley, Forest City Regional, Wallenpaupack Area, Wayne Highlands and Western Wayne School Districts along with private schools.

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