

Authorizing The County Executive To Execute An Agreement With The Dyson Foundation, Accepting A Contribution To Be Utilized For The Implementation Of The STRIVE Project, Providing Funding For The Re-Location Of County Departments And The Renovation Of Sophie Finn Elementary School For Use As A Satellite Campus Of Ulster County Community College

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Lopez, Wawro, Donaldson and Gregorius) and the Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Donald J. Gregorius offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County Executive has introduced the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (STRIVE) Project; and

WHEREAS, the STRIVE Project has as its cornerstone, the creation of a satellite campus of Ulster County Community College, to be located in the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the Sophie Finn Elementary School in the City of Kingston is slated for closure by the Kingston City School District; and

WHEREAS, the location of Sophie Finn Elementary School is particularly advantageous for its use as a satellite campus due to its proximity to Kingston High School as well as Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals, and it is therefore anticipated that the County will negotiate a lease with the Kingston City School District for the use of Sophie Finn; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sophie Finn to be utilized as a college satellite campus, certain renovations and improvements must be made (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is expected that New York State will reimburse the County the costs of renovations and improvements; and

WHEREAS, once the necessary renovations and improvements are complete, it is anticipated that Ulster County Community College will operate its satellite campus in the City of Kingston and will no longer utilize space at the County's Business Resource Center (BRC) located at Development Court, thereby allowing the County to locate other County departments in that space; and

WHEREAS, the centralization of County departments will create convenience and savings for taxpayers by increasing efficiency and reducing overhead costs; and

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WHEREAS, in order to offset some of the cost of implementing the STRIVE Project which will not be reimbursed by New York State, namely re-locating County departments to the BRC, with any balance utilized for renovations at Sophie Finn Elementary School, the Dyson Foundation has offered to provide a grant to Ulster County in the amount of \$500,000.00 to be used exclusively for these purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Dyson Foundation, and any amendments thereto, accepting a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to be used exclusively for the implementation of the STRIVE Project, namely re-locating County departments to the BRC with any balance utilized for renovations at Sophie Finn Elementary School, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant money accepted from the Dyson Foundation shall be utilized only for costs associated with Implementation of the STRIVE Project – Renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School and Re-location of Various County Departments;

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Belfiglio)

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services on October 2, 2012

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on October 9, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$500,000.000 – ADDITIONAL 2012 REVENUE

