



# TEACHER CENTERS

Providing educators with customized Continuing Teacher & Leader Education to ensure that students are college, career and citizen-ready

## *Teacher Center funding supports:*

### **Implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards**

- Developing a deeper understanding of the standards and how to change teaching and assessment methods to address these changes.

### **English Language Learners**

- Offering professional development informed by research and developed by school-based educators to meet the needs of English Language Learners in any school setting.

### **Aligning Technology with Local Needs**

- Piloting new technologies to see where they will have the greatest impact;
- Local coordination of technology purchased with Smart Bond funding; and
- Facilitating the introduction and support of STEM and STEAM initiatives.

### **Refinement of Instructional Skills**

- Working with educators to better understand the impact of poverty on student learning;
- Offering statewide support for teachers pursuing National Board Certification; and
- Coordinating community-based initiatives to address school culture, including racial and social justice issues.

### **Improved Teacher Retention**

- Leading mentor programs that support new teachers in the classroom and the community; and
- Providing a safe space for professional development that enables educators to share best practices on how to be a more effective educator.

*Teacher Centers . . . professional learning  
by educators, for educators*



The Executive Budget fails to fund Teacher Centers. Funding should be restored to at least the 2008-09 level of \$40 million.



Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers were established by the State Legislature in 1984 to provide comprehensive, ongoing professional development and support services to the state's teachers. At a time when we are requiring educators to comply with higher expectations to ensure all students are on track for college, career and citizenship, we must provide educators, school related-professionals and parents with the resources and tools they need to meet this demand.

# NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CENTERS

*Companies that Partner for Success in Teacher Centers*  
 Increasing Student Performance While Lowering Taxpayer Burden



## TEACHER CENTER SUPPORT

- Provide professional development to meet standards and district needs in technology
- Vet Instructional Technologies to provide unbiased recommendations
- Work with companies to understand purchasing in NY and the important role of BOCES
- Conduct pilots to help districts try before committing tax levied dollars
- Insure participation from all parts of the state (urban, suburban, rural, upstate and downstate)

### TESTIMONIALS

*I used **Symboloo** to create a webmix for my second grade special education students. I included videos, maps, and pictures so they could make a connection to a difficult concept. The students were able to use the SmartBoard so they could use this tool on their own. It was a great tool to give the students a chance to see a variety of websites that related to their topic. It saved time because all the sites were on one page.*

*As a teacher, it is an easy way to organize resources for lessons.*  
**Laurie Newton, Special Education Teacher, Avon Central Schools**

**Kensington** This month something happened for the first time in twenty years of my teaching. Kensington sent the gentleman into our school that actually designs the technology we use to ask them how they would make it better? It was a Saturday so a whole day of new technology and unwrapping it right out of the box to seeing how it works. This group of high school boys "ripped" it apart! They got to tell someone that could really make a difference in the next version. Like for example how on a smart power strip, "...why wouldn't you leave more room for teachers to plug in their bigger iPad chargers?" My students felt very valued! It is part of Kensington's Focus Groups initiative, we were the first school to be lucky enough to have students replace the teachers in the group.

*At Saint Mary School we have begun using **MathSpace** in our classes. The training sessions were great and the students do seem to love using it. It is a great tool, especially to help the students review concepts or get extra practice! I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to be introduced to it and am able to use it. Thank you!*



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A FREE online environment that helps teachers and students safely connect, collaborate on assignments and discover new resources. 139,579 registered NYS Teachers and 1,176,000 students



Partnership bringing learning content and tools bundled in the charm and whimsy of Garfield the Cat



Providing Intel Teach materials to help k-12 teachers integrate technology effectively into classrooms and promote student-centered approaches



An innovative platform that organizes content in core disciplines which has been curated by teachers, developers, designers and other specialists



Creates animated, curricular content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement.



Allows educators to easily take existing presentations, convert them into mobile-friendly content, and engage all users to make them part of the action



Working with the NYSTC to provide assistance with streamlining the access to licensed software, rolling out Office 365, training on Windows. They have donated a number of Windows 8 devices for use in the NYIT STEAMED vehicle which is visiting districts statewide.



Working with Apple to provide educator support through out NYS

### PILOT PARTNERS



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