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Stockton's Southern Regional Institute Receives Grant Totaling \$2 Million For Math and Science Partnership with High-Needs Districts

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Galloway Twp., NJ – Stockton College's Southern Regional Institute/Educational Technology Training Center, already a national model of collaboration with area schools on teacher training and the infusion of technology into the classroom, is about to expand its horizons.

The SRI/ETTC has received a New Jersey Department of Education grant totaling \$2 million over the course of three years to help teachers improve the math and science standardized test scores of students who are currently struggling in those areas.

"This grant marks an entirely new direction for the SRI/ETTC, while it helps advance our core mission of improving educational opportunities throughout the region," said Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Chief Executive Officer of SRI/ETTC.

Stockton received a renewable New Jersey Department of Education Title II Math Science Partnership Grant for \$675,000 for three years to launch the initiative. The formation of the South Jersey Coastal Consortium (SJCC) was established to provide a framework for partnerships with schools through activities such as summer institutes, workshops, in-class mentoring, and infusion of technology into the classroom to enhance instruction and learning.

"The model so successfully developed and implemented by SRI/ETTC Director Patty Weeks for technology and teacher training is to be applied to this initiative, which focuses on math and science curriculum in high-need school districts," Kesselman said.

The grant enables the SJCC to advance its partnerships with the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center, Salem County Community College, the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, and DuPont's "Partners in Science" program based in Wilmington, Delaware.

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