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Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Receives \$1300 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Grant to support Maple Avenue Campus's literacy programs

MarLin, PA—**September, 19, 2013** – Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 recently received a \$1300 Youth Literacy grant from the Dollar General Literacy Organization to support its literacy programs. Specifically, the grant will introduce the use of audiobooks to improve literacy skills for all learners. The overall goal of the school's "Look, Listen & Learn Project" is to improve learning opportunities by creating a literacy-rich, library listening center for challenged pre-k through age 21 students. The project's primary objective is to improve opportunities to increase reading fluency skills.

“Youth literacy grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation are awarded at the beginning of the academic year to help make a distinct impact on the communities we serve by supporting programs that improve education and enhance literacy,” said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General’s chairman and CEO. “At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of *Serving Others* and it’s exciting to see the real difference literacy and learning makes in people’s lives.”

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2013, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$84.9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 4.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

For more information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and a complete list of grant recipients, please visit www.dgliteracy.org.

About the Maple Avenue Campus

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit (IU) is part of the public school system and was created by the State Legislature in 1972. Located in Mar Lin, Schuylkill County, the IU, in collaboration with school entities, community agencies, business and government partnerships, serves the changing needs of education through delivery of services, improvement of current programs and implementation of new initiatives. Schuylkill IU's Maple Avenue Campus is the school for exceptional children serving youth from all local public school districts, age 5 through 21 years with intellectual challenges, hearing, speech or language impairments, serious emotional disturbance, autism, and physical or multi-handicaps. Academic programming is specifically designed to meet the unique learning needs of all students and stresses preparation for adult living and community-based instruction. Academics engage students in Music, Science, Computers, Math, Social Studies, Reading, Swimming, English, and Culinary Arts. Established in 2009, the school library continues to grow and promote literacy activities.

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