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Poughkeepsie City School District My Brother’s Keeper Summer STEM Sports Camp Underway

Poughkeepsie – The Poughkeepsie City School District is once again offering students in grades 2-9 the opportunity to participate in a unique summer camp program. The My Brother’s Keeper Summer STEM Sports Camp runs from July 9th through August 9th, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Poughkeepsie Middle School. The program is funded by the My Brother’s Keeper grant that was obtained by the District and collaborative partners the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the City of Poughkeepsie.

Campers receive instruction in areas such as Technology (including robotics and coding), Mathematics, Restorative Practices and Sportsmanship, Recreational Activities, and also attend a session called “The Creative Academy”. Certified PCSD teachers and teaching assistants are the lead instructors for each activity but there is also a unique component to this camp. High school students who participate in the My Brother’s Keeper program are hired to serve as student mentors to the campers.

On a Saturday in early June, the adult MBK mentors along with student MBK program members participated in a five-hour Violence Prevention and Leadership Development workshop that was conducted by The Leadership Program. The skills and knowledge obtained by all participants in that workshop are now being put into practical application in the camp.

To further support one of the five New York State MBK Milestones (Ensuring equitable access to high quality schools and programs), two special field trips are included in the camp schedule. The campers just returned from a trip to Albany to visit the New York State Museum and will travel to the Liberty Science Center during the last week of the program. Each of the five cohorts of students is responsible for putting together a written and visual report of each trip with the assistance of their student mentors, to present to the entire camp. This element of the program is key in supporting the District’s *Mission Literacy* initiative.

In addition, the Liberty Science Center trip is being coordinated by MBK Fellows Jaaquan Forrest and Dah’Shon Lee who were inducted into the inaugural class of New York State MBK Fellows in April. This is a part of their community service projects centered around *Career Discovery* and *Technology Proficiency*.

For more information about any of the My Brother’s Keeper program initiatives, please contact Jack Mager, MBK Project Coordinator.