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PCCC Neighborhood University: Pathways to Learning and Employment

Through its proposed project entitled the *PCCC Neighborhood University: Pathways to Learning and Employment*, Passaic County Community College (PCCC) and its partners will address the educational and employment needs of Hispanic and minority, low-income, low-skill residents living in the Paterson's Great Falls and Sandy Hill neighborhoods. The Neighborhood University concept is one in which the college will share its resources and expertise on-site, in the neighborhoods themselves, close to where the residents live and work. The Neighborhood University model has two strands, one for local schoolchildren through an afterschool program and one for adults that focuses on ESL/career training, workforce readiness, technology training, and support services. The project activities will take place on site at the Paterson Community Technology Center (serving the Sandy Hill neighborhood) and at School #5 (serving the Great Falls neighborhood). The Project will align itself with a Full Services Community School model currently being planned at School #5, from which more than 20 different community based organizations will be offering services on site at the school to improve the overall quality of life for local residents. The College's role in this effort will focus on the activities outlined in this application and are consistent with our educational mission.