

AT&T, legislators team up for innovative program

AT&T, State Representative William Hamzy and State Senator Thomas Colapietro are teaming up with the Bristol Board of Education to support the adoption of an innovative program that will engage and motivate underachieving and at-risk students to become

independent learners and increase their level of success in school and life.

One-third of high school students in the United States drop-out of school before graduating - that's roughly 7,000 students per day and one student every 26 seconds, according to America's Promise Alliance. And,



From left to right Thomas Buckley, Area Manager from AT&T, presents a check for \$34,000 from their High School Success Grant Program to State Senator Thomas Colapietro, Dr. Philip Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Everett Lyons, Principal, Daniel Viens, Vice-Principal, and Ted Keleher, Vice-Principal at Bristol Eastern High School.



Robert Wransky receives his flu shot from Bristol VNA representative at the Senior Health and Wellness Fair sponsored by Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce and Bristol Hospital Oct. 22.

in Connecticut alone, the four year drop-out rate for Connecticut's graduating class of 2007 was 6.2 percent.

"Education is essential in preparing Connecticut's children to be successful in college and the workforce, and one of the most important things to do to help Connecticut remain a leader," said Connecticut State Senator Thomas Colapietro. "I thank AT&T for supporting our

communities and our students and for being a leader in our state."

"I am very pleased with AT&T for their continued commitment to Connecticut and for their efforts in trying to reduce high school drop-out rates," Connecticut State Representative William Hamzy. "We must ensure that all Connecticut children graduate from high school so they will develop the knowledge and skills needed to be

successful."

AT&T's grant is part of AT&T Aspire, a \$100 million philanthropic program to help strengthen student success and workforce readiness. AT&T Aspire supports the work of the education community to help our students succeed in school by helping them see the connection between education and their brightest future.

"AT&T supports the work of Connecticut's

education community to help our kids succeed in school and see the connection between education and their future life success," said AT&T Connecticut President Ramona Carlow. "AT&T is proud to support the Bristol Board of Education and help its students graduate from high school and gain the skills they need to be successful in today's workforce."

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