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## District 215 Receives Pathway to Financial Success Grant *Funds will be used to support financial education*

**(Calumet City, IL) – September 24, 2012:** District 215 was recently awarded a \$14,050 grant from the Pathway to Financial Success program, sponsored by Discover. The program provides funding for schools to develop or enhance financial education curriculum.

The district will use these funds to enhance its financial literacy program by purchasing instructional materials and providing professional development for teachers. Currently, a financial literacy component is integrated in several economics and work-study classes at both TF North and TF South.

TF South work study program coordinator Susan Barnhart indicated that the program will “be very helpful in creating more solid learning experiences for our students.”

Superintendent Dr. Creg E. Williams remarked, “Due to the current economic climate in our region and across the nation, it is important for our young people to learn personal finance skills.” Williams explained that the district provides financial education to “equip students with the tools they need to build a bright financial future.”