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PhRMA and Senator Sue Serino Announce Support for STEM Programs at Spackenkill High School

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NY. (November 15, 2017) – Today, New York State Senator Sue Serino joined Laura Perloff, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Alliances of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), to announce a new educational grant for Spackenkill High School to support the school's science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. In addition to announcing the new funding support, Ms. Perloff and Senator Serino met with students to talk about furthering their STEM education and the

many opportunities to apply those skills in the biopharmaceutical sector.

"STEM education is critical to preparing our students for success both inside and outside the classroom," said Senator Sue Serino. "As a leader in STEM Education, the STEM Talent Pipeline Grant is an exciting opportunity for Spackenkill High School as it will be used to help them continue to provide exceptional programming and engage students in these important subject areas. I thank PhRMA and New York Health Works for helping to empower students here in our community."

"PhRMA is proud to support programs that inspire tomorrow's STEM Leaders. Spackenkill High School's STEM curriculum allows students to explore their interest in STEM through innovative programs," said Laura Perloff. "PhRMA is committed to investing in future innovators who will keep America at the forefront of the biopharmaceutical industry. STEM programs, like the one at Spackenkill High School, allow students to gain the hands-on experience that they will need to pursue a career in STEM fields."

Spackenkill High School in Poughkeepsie, NY is a public school educating over 500 students. The STEM Talent Pipeline grant will be used to support their many STEM courses that are available to the students. Some of the course offerings at Spackenkill High School are Science Research and Project Lead the Way.

"STEM education is so important to the future of our country. Workforce readiness is critical to our national security and to also remain competitive internationally," said Dr. Mark Villanti. "Fortunately, we offer 17 STEM courses at Spackenkill High School including Science Research and Project Lead the Way. The STEM Talent Pipeline grant will stimulate our science research students to achieve their research goals. Who will help find a cure for cancer or other serious diseases? What drugs may help Alzheimer patients lead a healthier life? That future scientist may be sitting in our classrooms at Spackenkill."

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