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Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is with great excitement that we send you this letter with news of an exceptional educational opportunity for your child! Tully Schools and LaFayette Schools, with the collaboration of SUNY Cortland, have been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. This educational collaboration between the schools, named Project Challenge, will allow opportunities for students to grow and enrich their educational experiences over the next two years. This grant will allow for summer programming in 4 week segments for incoming students in grades 4-8, daily after-school service at the Onondaga Nation School, as well as tutoring and academic support on a daily basis during the school year in each of the two Junior-Senior High Schools.

Project Challenge will start this summer, from July 7th through July 31st, Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. There is no cost to you; students will be provided transportation to and from their home, as well as lunch each day. The students will be going to numerous places, focusing on the Onondaga Nation and SUNY Cortland Science Facilities. The students will be learning exciting new material, which will be delivered by Tully and LaFayette teachers working together, as well as other professionals in numerous areas.

Project Challenge will be made up of 100 students, 50 from the LaFayette School District and 50 from the Tully School District. This opportunity will be open to all students that are entering grades 4-8 in the 2014-2015 school year. Student acceptance is based on a lottery, with equal representation from each grade level and siblings being accepted together. If more than 50 students apply from each district, the students will be placed on a waiting list. Attendance is mandatory, therefore preference is given to students that can attend all 4 weeks without interruption. All families that are interested should send their applications to Nicholas Colosi by April 1, 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions. More information can be found on each of the school districts websites.

We are looking forward to a great start to Project Challenge!

Sincerely,

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