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Summer session of Stock Market Game to begin June 14 for students, families

Team fees sponsored by First Financial Federal Credit Union

Towson, MD – Beginning Monday, June 14, families are invited to participate in the summer session of The Stock Market Game, a simulated investment activity that teaches the fundamentals of personal finance and investing.

The game is free and will be offered online from Monday, June 14, through Friday, August 20. In the game, families invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in listed stocks, bonds, and mutual funds and learn the value of the capital markets as they work together to maximize the return on their portfolios.

The activity is offered to families by BCPS Parent University in partnership with First Financial Federal Credit Union, which is covering all team fees, and the Maryland Council on Economic Education.

"We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to our families," said Susan Hahn, program specialist and coordinator of Parent University. "This is a unique learning activity that teaches important lessons about economics. We are so appreciative that First Financial Federal Credit Union, a great partner to BCPS, has agreed to pay fees for all participating families. No experience is required. Families will learn as they go using provided resources."

"We encourage families to take advantage of this summer learning opportunity," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "Everyone who participates will gain valuable knowledge about finances."

Both a tour of the game and registration directions are available online.

The Maryland Council on Economic Education will send an email to those who register, welcoming them to The Stock Market Game, with some tips on entering IDs and passwords and a pathway to the teacher/parent resource center and student activity packet.

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