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### **The Bank of New York Mellon Makes EITC Contribution to ASSET Inc.**

**PITTSBURGH** – ASSET (Achieving Student Success through Excellence in Teaching), Inc. has received a \$7,500 grant from The Bank of New York Mellon as part of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

“We are pleased to have selected ASSET Inc. from among many worthy organizations that provide educational improvement programs,” said James McDonald, first vice president of The Bank of New York Mellon.

Funding through EITC helps support ASSET’s Center for Teacher Professional Development which trains teachers on the inquiry method of teaching science. “Support from corporations like The Bank of New York Mellon enables us to help teachers continuously improve the teaching and learning process,” said Reeny Davison, Ed.D., ASSET Inc.’s executive director. “Research supports that when teachers are learning, students are learning.”

ASSET Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to continuously improve teaching and student learning, with an initial focus on K-8 science education. ASSET currently serves more than 148 school districts, charter and private schools impacting 4,400 teachers and 180,000 students across Pennsylvania. Established in 1994 by Bayer Corporation and several community partners, ASSET also received substantial funding from the National Science Foundation. Today, ASSET has achieved sustainability as a fee-for-service organization with ongoing support from several local and national foundations and corporate partners. Through a \$13.5 million appropriation in the FY 2007-08 state budget, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is partnering with ASSET Inc. to improve elementary science education statewide.

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