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Port Chester Educators Head to Harvard this Week to Focus on Global Competence

Nine Port Chester educators are headed to Harvard University on May 18 and 19 to participate in the Harvard School of Education Think Tank on global Competence Education.

Four elementary principals – Rosa Taylor, Judy Diaz, Ivan Tolentino and Sam Ortiz – along with teachers Shawna Squillace, Kristin Pascuzzi, Ann Rose Santoro, Joe Gilson and Christopher Kazim, are attending along with Joanne Ferrara who is the Manhattanville College liaison to the district. All participate in the district's One World after school program.

The Think Tank is the brainchild of Dr. Fernando Reimers of the Harvard School of Education.. Dr. Reimers is recognized as one of the world's leading experts on global competence education. According to Dr. Reimers, "Globalization is deeply transforming the context of the lives of many people around the world. Those who are educated to understand those transformations and how to turn them into sources of competitive advantage are likely to benefit from globalization; but those who are not will face real and growing challenges."

The Port Chester school district with its diversity is uniquely able to address globalization. "These educators will be coming back to the District to implement strategies to make our students among the most advanced students in global competence in New York State," says Joe Durney, Port Chester Assistant Superintendent.

According to its website, [Think Tank on Global Education](#) has played a distinctive role since 2011 in advancing the conversation about global education nationally, addressing the critical need for rich and rigorous curriculum and instruction aimed at creating citizens of the world. Dr. Reimer and colleagues have developed a K-12 curriculum that builds on the UN Declaration on Human Rights and 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and includes connections between local and global elements in every unit. This year's Think Tank on Global Education will review, react to, and extend this curriculum.

The educators' tuition for the Think Tank was paid by [OneWorld](#), a non-profit founded by Rye Brook resident Joe Carvin. One World is an international program that advocates preparing children to thrive in a "hyper-connected world: global awareness, strong character and can-do self-confidence". It offers after school youth programs to partner schools and youth centers, with a proprietary curriculum, teacher training, program support and evaluation. It now supports over 30 programs in the US, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Mexico and Uganda, including the one in the Port Chester Public School District.