



November Update

SIF Goes National



- National audiences learned about *Stocks in the Future* during last week's American Public Media radio's broadcast called "Marketplace". Their website promoted the segment stating:
- 'Baltimore students are learning the ups and downs of the investment market with the help of Stocks in the Future, a program where students get paid for perfect attendance and good grades. But instead of pocketing the money, students invest in the stock market, and learning a valuable lesson about investing their time in school.'
- The broadcast featured seasoned SIF teachers Jay Valentine (Fallstaff Middle) and Renard Lewis (The Barclay School). Renard explained the program's impact on students: "They're getting more than just money. They're getting something that is a life skill."

Alumni Speak



- Currently, *Stocks in the Future* is interviewing SIF Alumni students who 'graduated' from middle school and are stockholders that can make trades each summer until high school graduation and turning eighteen. They then establish their own investment accounts and become official stockholders.
- When asked of the program's impact, a current Georgetown Prep student said, "It kinda opened my mind to the world of stocks and I got really interested in learning about everything and investing my money instead of spending it".
- He was then asked if he was able to apply things learned in SIF to high school? "Yeah: Not putting all the eggs in one basket...now I never focus on one club or one activity...I try to put efforts in a bunch of ways."
- Another student said: "I believe the whole stock market, including owning stock, is very important...It's about maintaining money. ..I loved learning the vocabulary; it will help me later."

Financial Literacy Statewide



- The Maryland State Department of Education, after mandating financial education be included in undergraduates' curriculum starting in September 2011, circulated the standards. SIF students have a 'heads up' having already learned most of those guidelines. How-to's for making financial decisions? *Covered*. Create and build wealth? *Gotchya!* Making investments and comparing them? *Covering many fundamentals*. (Missing? Teaching students about insurance.)