

Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center Offers Students Access to LiFT™ Education Technology

Personalized health career exploration provided through an online platform

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT. – Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will partner with SchoolHack Solutions of Bristol, Vermont in its statewide beta launch of LiFT™, an education technology platform. The Northeastern Vermont AHEC is the first community organization to join with Vermont schools to pilot the new software, which lets students take the lead in their learning, and allows educators to support their students’ interests.

“We are excited about the numbers of students we will be able to reach using LiFT™,” say Nicole LaPointe, Executive Director of the Northeastern Vermont AHEC. “The software allows us to connect health careers education to the students’ personalized learning plans, and offer recommendations about health careers that relate to students’ evolving interests as they learn and grow.”

LaPointe says that during this beta launch phase, students who have completed Northeastern Vermont AHEC’s popular MedQuest and CollegeQuest programs will have access to LiFT™. These students will provide feedback on the software as they use it, and help to shape the final version.

SchoolHack Solutions CEO David Lipkin says, “We are excited to work with the AHEC in the launch of the LiFT™ platform. We hope this partnership will model one way for community organizations to contribute to meeting the requirements of Act 77, proficiency-based learning, and Vermont’s new Education Quality Standards.”

LiFT™ is an easy to use, mobile software platform through which students track their progress on goals and express their interests in subjects both inside and outside the classroom. Using LiFT, Health Careers Educators at AHEC can link students to opportunities in their communities that match their interests and meet their goals.

Josie Jordan, SchoolHack’s Chief Creative Officer, says, “We developed LiFT™ specifically to bring students, families, and educators together as collaborators. Together, they can create a road map for academic and career success.”

SchoolHack Solutions is a Vermont-based company building software to provide authentic personalized learning for all students. Founded by educators, SchoolHack envisions a new era of educational excellence where learning is meaningful, contagious, and always relevant. For more information, www.schoolhack.io.

The Northeastern Vermont AHEC offers health career exploration programs to high school students in Caledonia, Orleans, Essex, Orange, Lamoille and Washington counties. Find out more at nevahec.org or email Kim O’Connor at HealthCareers@nevahec.org. To learn more about health careers online, go to vthealthcareers.org.