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NEW YORK ISN'T DOING ENOUGH FOR STUDENTS LEARNING ENGLISH, AND IT'S HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS LIKE UTICA. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS. THEY FOUND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH IS RISING, AND THEY'RE CONCENTRATED IN DISTRICTS DESPERATE FOR FUNDING. THAT INCLUDES UTICA, WHERE EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ENGLISH AND NEARLY HALF OF ALL CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY.

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1-POINT-2 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE AS PART OF A NEW GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL LABOR DEPARTMENT. THE FUNDS WILL HELP TRAIN AT-RISK YOUTH THROUGH THE YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM, AN INITIATIVE PROVIDES CLASSROOM TRAINING FOR HIGH DEMAND INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, HEALTHCARE, HOSPITALITY, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. M-V-C-C WAS ONE OF JUST EIGHT ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK TO RECIEVE A YOUTHBUILD GRANT.