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Roberson and Discovery Center Pause Affiliation Discussions

Binghamton, NY -- The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier and Roberson Museum and Science Center have announced that their joint task force is putting an indefinite hold on their affiliation discussions. The two museums have been in talks for several months about the potential of working more closely together which would include the relocation of the Discovery Center to Roberson's campus on Front Street in Binghamton.

Due to the amount of uncertainty surrounding COVID including its likely duration well into 2021, both organizations have agreed to pause their discussion until a point when attendance figures, school programs and financial projections can be analyzed with more confidence. The museums will continue to serve their mission and offer important programming separately.

Roberson and the Discovery Center wish to extend heartfelt thanks to the thousands of community members who expressed their support of these conversations; to the New York Council of Nonprofits for their guidance; and to the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation, the Community Foundation for South Central New York, the Stewart W. and Willma C. Hoyt Foundation, and the United Way of Broome County for financially supporting the exploration.

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