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### Local Legislators Announce Grant for Ware Schools

**BOSTON** –Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that the Ware Public School district has been awarded a \$20,000 “MassGrad Promising Practices Grant.” This federally-funded, competitive grant program will help 19 districts across Massachusetts provide supplementary support to assist struggling at-risk students remain in school and earn their high school diplomas.

The money can be used for a variety of supports including: alternative pathways, adult advocates, creating positive school climate and social emotional systems of support, contextual learning opportunities, expansion of the school year, creation of individual learning plans, and/or meeting the requirements of the state’s discipline law: Chapter 222, *An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusion from School*.

“Congratulations to the Ware Public School district on being awarded this grant funding. These funds will supplement the great work that our educators are already doing,” said Senator Gobi.

“Graduation rates are at an all-time high and dropout rates an all-time low in our state,” said Representative Smola. “These rates demonstrate the hard work being done by educators across the state to keep youth on track to graduation.”

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