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### **Gobi and Whipps Announce Education Support Grant for Ralph C. Mahar Public Schools**

**BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Susannah Whipps (I-Athol) have announced a \$52,000 grant being awarded to Ralph C. Mahar Public Schools through the Supplementary Support to School Districts with High Concentrations of At-Risk Students: MassGrad Promising Practices Grant.**

“Thank you to the Baker-Polito administration for their support of our local schools,” said Senator Gobi “The MassGrad program provides necessary funding to assure all of our students are succeeding.”

"This grant funding is a great example of collaboration between Federal, State, and Local Government," said Whipps. "This program helps ensure that those students most at risk of not graduating from high school receive the support they need to successfully earn their diploma."

The MassGrad grant will be used to provide supplementary support to school districts with high concentrations of students at-risk for not graduating from high school. These students may have risk factors such as: expectant or parenting teen, having drug or alcohol addiction, previous contact with the courts or juvenile justice system, being at least one year behind expected grade level for the age of the individual, having limited English proficiency, being a gang member, being a former dropout, and/or having high absenteeism or chronic truancy.

For more information contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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