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Senator Gobi Announces STEM Grant Awarded to Charlton and Dudley Middle Schools

(BOSTON) – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** has announced that the Charlton Middle School and Dudley Middle School have each received \$30,000 STEM High-Quality Career Pathways Grants to enable them to add a ‘Project Lead the Way’ STEM course. Funding from this grant will support implementation of high-quality STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) career pathways in computer science, engineering, and life science.

“Increasing educational opportunities in STEM is critical to prepare our students with the education and skills needed to thrive in our evolving world,” said Senator Gobi. “By engaging these students at an early age we help them to not only build knowledge and skills in a variety of subject matters but also to see a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond.”

The STEM High Quality Career Pathways Grant was created to increase access for students to engage in project-based STEM courses. It is overseen by the Executive Office of Education and is funded by the STEM Advisory Council and the Workforce Skills Cabinet with private support from Mass STEM Hub. The grant funds costs of curriculum, equipment and professional development. The STEM Advisory Council serves as the coordinating entity, bringing together participants from state agencies, the Legislature, and members of the public and private sectors involved in STEM education planning and programming.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a national nonprofit organization that provides hands-on curriculum in STEM courses, including engineering, computer science and biomedical science, for K-12 students. They are the premier STEM curriculum and professional development provider with a proven ability to dramatically shift classroom practice and improve students’

interest and aptitude in STEM areas. With K-12 offerings in engineering, computer science, and biomedical science, PLTW is able to partner with and offer a comprehensive solution for schools including lesson plans, teacher training and end-of-course assessments. Worcester Polytechnic Institute is the local provider of the teacher training for PLTW.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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