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### **Senator Anne Gobi Announces Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Grants Awarded to Area Schools**

**BOSTON** – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is happy to announce that multiple schools in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex district have been awarded Regional Capital Grants from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC). The grant awards were announced on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The following schools received funding for STEM equipment and supplies:

- Quabbin Regional High School: \$99,146
- Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School: \$26,509
- North Brookfield High School: \$96,750
- Quabaog Regional Middle High School: \$100,000

“I congratulate these four schools in ensuring that their students have the tools needed to enhance learning,” commented Senator Anne Gobi. “Thank you to Mass Life Sciences for promoting STEM so that our students will be prepared and capable of competing and excelling with all students across the Commonwealth.”

The funds awarded will create programs around the district that will increase interest in and access to STEM curriculum. Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School will use its grants funds to expand their Robotics Curriculum, providing valuable experience for more advanced internships and job placement opportunities. North Brookfield High School will use the funds to support their Engineering Technology Program by providing seven new courses creating more opportunity for students to meet the needs of the surrounding STEM industry. Quabbin Regional High School will enhance its biology courses by installing a new biotechnology lab enabling them to offer three new biotech courses. Teachers will also participate in training workshops at UMass-Amherst. Quabaog Regional Middle High School will use its grant to support

their partnership with Quinsigamond Community College to create an innovation program focused on career pathways in the engineering and biotechnology/biomedical fields, including college level courses.

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