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Gobi Announces Safety Grants for Local Schools

BOSTON- Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) was proud to join her legislative colleagues and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) today in announcing the release of grant funding for school safety improvements. The funding comes as part of a \$7.2 million “*Safer Schools and Communities Initiative*” designed for public schools to address critical infrastructure and technology needs as it relates to school building security and the safety of students and staff.

When asked for comment on the release of funding, Senator Gobi had this to say: “The safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors to our schools and grounds must be a top priority. These grants will help our schools to continue to upgrade and adapt with newer technology and equipment, and I am proud to advocate for and support these efforts.”

The following schools in the Senator’s district are set to receive funds:

- The Ashburnham Westminster Regional School district will receive \$59,604.93 for security cameras, mounts, and cables at Overlook Middle School
- North Brookfield School will receive \$35,000 for the upgrading their interoperability communication system to include phones
- Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School will receive \$8,696.24 for new exterior door locks, security and ID Cutout numbers
- Quabbin Regional School District will receive \$60,000 for new classroom locks
- Quaboag Regional School District will receive \$34,900 for new portable analog/digital radios, repeaters, and Public Safety Link
- Tantasqua Regional School District will receive \$36,400 for the installation of additional security cameras

- Wachusett Regional School District will receive \$43,846 for new security cameras and emergency 'GO-Buckets'
- Winchendon Public School will receive \$58,615 for the installation of single entry electronic door locks, security cameras, and alarm tie-ins

For the purpose of this competitive grant opportunity, funding was prioritized for proposals demonstrating the greatest need and cost-effective solutions to address school security shortfalls and enhance the safety of students and staff in the event of an incident. Grants will be used for retrofitting and upgrading school buildings with safety and security enhancements including, but not limited to, classroom door locks, security cameras or active shooter detection systems.

For more information on the grant program, please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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