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Gobi, Brewer and Smola Announce Education Grant for the North Brookfield Youth Center Inc.

(BOSTON)— Representative Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) and Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) are happy to announce that the North Brookfield Youth Center, Inc. has been awarded \$20,000 through the Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time Grants.

The purpose of this competitive grant program is to support quality enhancements in out-of-school time programs and services to improve the academic, physical, social and emotional wellness of public and non-public school-age youth during the school year and summer months.

"The youth of North Brookfield continue to benefit from the concerted efforts with the schools and the youth center," said Rep. Gobi. "This strong partnership creates greater opportunities for learning and benefits all the students."

"It is essential that we provide our children with a quality education, and this includes opportunities outside of the classroom as well," said Senator Brewer. "An education is a foundation for life. This grant will greatly improve the already excellent offerings from the North Brookfield Youth Center."

"It is wonderful to hear that the North Brookfield Youth Center has been awarded funding through the Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time grants," said Rep. Smola. "I look forward to seeing all that our children are able to accomplish with the benefit of additional learning time."

Applicants proposed to implement quality enhancements to existing programming, provide regional or statewide professional development for OST, or develop and pilot summer Science, Technology/Engineering, and Mathematics Service-Learning (STEM-SL) curricula.

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