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Gobi and Brewer Announce Literacy Grants for Local Schools

(Boston) – Representative Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) are happy to announce that multiple school districts in the area have received Literacy Partnerships grants through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Towns in their districts receiving awards are:

- Athol-Royalston Regional School District: \$12,557
- The Collaborative for Educational Services (Ware, Easthampton and West Springfield Public Schools): \$39,875
- Monson Public Schools: \$12,557
- Narragansett Regional School District: \$12,557
- Palmer Public Schools: \$12,557
- Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District: \$12,557
- Winchendon Public Schools: \$12,557

"I congratulate the districts for obtaining these competitive grants," said Rep. Gobi. "It is often said that you cannot read to learn until you learn to read. Using literacy as an interdisciplinary tool is beneficial to the students."

"Fostering a love of reading is essential to a well-rounded education, and we should continue to strive for this goal in our schools," said Senator Brewer. "I am pleased that these schools in my district have received these grants, and I am certain that their educational offerings will be enhanced as a result."

The Literacy Partnerships grant program supports the alignment of curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, and literacy planning with the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy. These funds will help build knowledge through content-rich informational and literary texts, teach students to use credible evidence in reading, writing, and speaking, develop strong academic vocabulary, and make literacy a responsibility shared among all teachers in a school or district

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