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## **Local Legislators Announce Grant for Tantasqua High School**

**BOSTON** – Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School has been awarded \$270,000 as part of the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant program. Tantasqua is one of 32 high schools, community colleges and educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth selected to receive this competitive grant.

“This grant will be a great benefit to the students and staff at Tantasqua Regional,” said Representative Smola. “This program provides essential opportunities for schools to further educate students in real world scenarios that provide them the knowledge and skills needed to succeed following graduation.”

Grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with industry, as well as align curriculum and credentials with businesses’ demand, in order to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. Funds can be used to purchase equipment, modernize operations, and boost enrollment capacity in career training programs.

Tantasqua will update its Manufacturing program to provide training using CNC equipment. The school will partner with two local high schools to provide students after-school training opportunities, as well as two local employers to provide incumbent worker training programs.

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