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## **Local Legislators Announce Grant for Quaboag Innovation Middle School**

**BOSTON** – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that the Quaboag Regional School District has been awarded \$145,000 as part of the Massachusetts 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers – Supporting Additional Learning Time grant program.

The purpose of the program is to support the implementation of a longer school day/year and/or out-of-school time programming. Funding can be used for a variety of programs and services which support opportunities to close proficiency and opportunity gaps, increase student engagement, support social and emotional learning, and promote college and career readiness and success. This federally-funded, competitive grant program will support 21 school districts throughout Massachusetts and will benefit approximately 5,000 students.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for our middle school students at Quaboag,” said Superintendent Brett Kustigian. “And we are incredibly fortunate to receive these funds to further our mission and provide a world-class education for every student.”

“I want to congratulate Dr. Kustigian and his staff for securing these funds,” said Representative Smola. “We need to give our students every opportunity to learn and develop their talents.”

“The ways in which students need to be educated is constantly evolving,” said Senator Gobi. “In order to set our youth up for success and allow them to be competitive as they apply for college and eventually enter the workforce, they must be provided with every

resource available. This grant does just that. Congratulations to Dr. Kustigian and the Quaboag Regional School District community on being awarded these funds.”

"Once again Superintendent Kustigian and the Quaboag Regional School District are demonstrating why they are one of the premier districts in central Massachusetts," Representative Berthiaume said. "With this funding Quaboag can continue to innovate the way students are educated."

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