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Grant Announced for Quaboag School District

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Quaboag Regional School System will receive an FY22 Supporting Students' Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral & Mental Health and Wellness Grant. As part of the program, Quaboag will receive \$350,000. This grant program will support Massachusetts public school districts and communities to adapt, expand, or strengthen systems of support to respond to the social-emotional and behavioral health needs of students, families, and educators and to build strong partnerships with community-based mental health agencies and/or providers.

"This is great news for the Quaboag School District," said Rep. Smola. "This grant will help students make the most of their time at school and better prepare them for life after graduation."

Research has shown that students' well-being is critically important to their academic and overall success. The events of the past 18 months (including the Covid-19 pandemic) have only heightened the importance of student, staff, and family social-emotional and behavioral health well-being. The purpose of this competitive, state and federally funded grant program is to adapt, expand, or strengthen resources within schools.

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