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Gobi, Smola, Berthiaume Announce STEM Grant, Partnership at Pathfinder

(BOSTON) – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer)** have announced that Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, in partnership with Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and Quinsigamond Community College, has received a Massachusetts Mathematics and Science Partnership Program (MMSP) grant.

“It is critical that we support STEM programs in any way that we can,” said Senator Gobi. “This partnership is great news for students and teachers. Equipping students with dynamic skill sets will help them adapt to constantly evolving industries as they enter the workforce.”

“It’s very exciting that educators from Pathfinder will have the opportunity to partner with Bay Path and Quinsigamond Community College in this program,” said Representative Smola. “It’s critical that we do everything we can to provide our students with the skills necessary to succeed after graduation.”

“With STEM career opportunities increasing in demand in today's economy, it is imperative that our education system provides the necessary tools for our student's to excel in this area,” said Representative Berthiaume.

The schools will receive \$17,970 for programs to improve student achievement in math, science, and technology/engineering. The programs utilize intensive, high-quality professional development activities that focus on deepening teachers’ content and practice knowledge while developing student learning growth metrics that measure student impact relative to subject matter standards.

Funded programs will be eligible for one additional year of funding based on progress toward meeting their established goals and objectives, subject to the availability of federal funding.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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