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## **Rep. Smola Announces Grants** for Quaboag Regional Schools

BOSTON - Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Quaboag Regional School District has been awarded several grants from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "This is great news for students and staff," said Rep. Smola. "I want to congratulate the district for being awarded these highly competitive grants."

Quaboag will receive \$200,000 as part of the Student Opportunity Act Rural Innovation and Efficiencies Grant program. The purpose of this competitive grant program is to improve educational opportunities for students by supporting increased efficiencies and educational program quality within and across rural school districts, which aligns with the state's overarching goal to prepare all students for success after high school. Awardees may spend the funds on activities such as early college opportunities, extended day activities, mental health services and professional development.

Additionally, Quaboag was awarded a \$100,000 Development and Expansion of High-Quality Summer Learning Grant. The purpose of this competitive grant is to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities and partnerships in districts to address both the academic and social-emotional impacts of COVID-19 on students.

Finally, Warren Elementary School will receive \$55,000 as part of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Enhancement / Pilot Summer Internship Project Grant program. Warren Elementary will implement an enhanced summer program serving students in grades K-6 providing project-based learning, social emotional learning, physical fitness. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.