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## **Rep. Kane announces COVID-19 state grants for local school districts**

**BOSTON** – State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) is pleased to announce the release of more than \$50 million in one-time state funding to assist local school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives with the costs associated with safely operating and educating students during the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic.

Representative Kane said schools in Shrewsbury are scheduled to receive a total of \$218,950 in funding under the COVID-19 Response, Remote Learning and Student Support Grants program. Schools in Westborough are scheduled to receive a total of \$130,325 in funding. The House and Senate recently authorized funding for the program as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 state budget.

School districts can utilize the funding for a variety of purposes related to COVID-19, such as the purchase of personal protective equipment and hygienic supplies, and for the costs associated with socially-distanced on-site learning, as well as remote and hybrid learning. The money can also be used to help low-income and other vulnerable student populations overcome technological impediments to learning, and to ensure that students have equal access to social services, mental health and behavioral health resources.

Representative Kane said this funding will be distributed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in two equal installments, with the first payment scheduled to arrive in early February and the remaining balance at the end of April.

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