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STATE REPRESENTATIVE D'AGOSTINO APPLAUDS GOVERNOR LAMONT AND THE STATE BOND FUNDS FOR HAMDEN SCHOOLS

Allocations ok'd for technology upgrades and Alliance District schools

State Representative Michael D'Agostino (D-Hamden) is applauding Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission for approving another round of Alliance District funding, and a \$10 million pool of money for technology upgrades. The Commission today voted in favor of both items.

"These funds offer much-needed resources to meet the many challenges schools are facing during the pandemic," said Rep. D'Agostino. "School districts have been saddled with unforeseen expenditures because of the transition to remote and hybrid learning, and I thank Governor Lamont and all the Bond Commission members for taking the initiative and providing assistance through both of these bonded items."

Hamden is slated to receive a \$1.08 million grant-in-aid in Alliance funds. The funds will be used for security and windows at the West Woods, Ridge Hill and Dunbar Hill elementary schools as well as for capital improvement projects in future years.

Hamden will also apply to the State Department of Education to obtain funds for technology upgrades from the \$10mm technology pool. The district is expected to use the funds to pay for enhanced remote learning, as needed during the pandemic, including laptops and both software and hardware upgrades.

As we continue to restructure the learning environment during the COVID crisis, these funds will support our efforts in combatting chronic absenteeism, improving teacher instruction, and providing Common Core Based after-school learning activities to strengthen skills development." said Jody Ian Goeler, Hamden superintendent of schools.

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