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MOORE, BINIENDA ANNOUNCE IDEA FUNDING FOR LEICESTER

Governor pledges \$180 million for Special Education throughout Massachusetts

BOSTON—Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative John J. Binienda (D-Worcester) are pleased to announce that the Town of Leicester is scheduled to receive \$244,112 in funds from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to assist with costs for special education, care and support. \$9,137 of the funds received by the Town of Leicester will be allocated specifically towards preschool special education programs.

As part of the federal recovery fund, Massachusetts will receive \$280 Million in IDEA funding for special education services as well as an additional \$10 Million to be used towards preschool special education services in an effort to help school districts boost student achievement.

Districts throughout the Commonwealth will initially receive half of their funds by the end of March, with the remaining funds being disbursed this fall.

“I am very pleased with the Governor’s announcement to fund education with federal stimulus money and help the quality of special education care and services throughout the Commonwealth,” said Senator Moore. “This funding will allow school districts to advance student achievement by providing more direct services to children and implementing new educational program options in the classroom.”

“I am delighted that the Town of Leicester is in line for this funding,” said Binienda. “The need for these crucial educational services does not abate in a fiscal crisis and this sends the right message to the students of Leicester and the Commonwealth as a whole that funding education will remain a top priority of government at the state and federal levels.”

School districts receiving aid from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act will have their funding remain available for the next 27 months.