



Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

District 46, Lincoln & Pawtucket

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Shallcross Smith announces statewide funding formula for public schools

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STATE HOUSE – Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, endorsed Democrat, District 46, Lincoln and Pawtucket is very pleased that the legislature has, for the first time in 15 years, enacted a statewide funding formula for public schools that will be extremely beneficial to our communities. It will provide an additional \$10 million in education aid over the next seven years for Lincoln and Pawtucket.

“One of the reasons I sought a position on the House Finance Committee was to make certain that a fair and equitable education funding formula would finally be enacted. I was honored to be one of only two freshmen selected to the committee, but even more pleased that a formula was approved by our panel after countless hours of hearings,” said Shallcross Smith.

Shallcross Smith, who holds a doctorate degree in education, said the new formula takes into consideration the specific and unique educational needs of each community.

“The new formula is much fairer to the school systems because it will be based on actual student enrollments and on student needs beyond the core services. This is a system that places our children first and puts education dollars to the most effective and fair use,” she noted.

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