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Eatontown Requested Funding to Benefit eSchool Education

West Windsor, NJ - U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that he has secured approval from the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education for \$350,000 in federal funding to support the Eatontown Public Schools eSchool Initiative. The initiative aims to improve educational outcomes by utilizing new technology and global networking within the classroom. The funding next needs approval from the full Appropriations Committee.

“With advances in technology and social media, employers and businesses now require an in-depth familiarity with a variety of digital tools. In order to prepare our children to keep up with these changes, their classrooms need to change, as well. The integration of new technologies, along with sufficient training to use them, will help ensure that Central New Jersey’s future workforce will be a well-educated and competitive one. This would be a wise investment to meet a community need.”

The Eatontown Public Schools District has already made an initial investment in a Wide Area Network (WAN), beginning the first phase of a four-year program in which the district would operate in a true eSchool environment. This means that laptops would supplant physical books and make distance learning a part of students’ daily activities. Video conferencing, blogging, Internet-based learning, and virtual libraries would enhance the existing curriculum, as well as add to it through new, global opportunities.

Eatontown School District would use the funding for the eSchool project to purchase the necessary hardware, laptops and software to complement the already established WAN and to provide for necessary professional development.

Holt Funding Request for Eatontown Schools Approved by Key House Panel

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