

U.S. Department of Education Approves NJ Application for Federal Emergency Education Funding

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that the U.S. Department of Education has approved the State of New Jersey’s application for \$268 million to keep an estimated 3,900 teachers in the classroom in New Jersey, including 159 in Holt’s 12th Congressional District, which includes parts of Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Monmouth Counties. The funding comes from an emergency jobs funding bill, which Holt helped Congress pass in August.

“I’m pleased this funding has been approved and will get to our schools immediately. Our children should be given every opportunity to receive an excellent education, and that means they should benefit from smaller class sizes and good teachers,” Holt said.

The emergency funding, is available immediately, will support education jobs in the 2010-11 school year. New Jersey will distribute the funding to school districts based a funding formula previously selected by the state.

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