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**Slaughter Announces Over \$962000 in Federal Funding for Physical Education in Monroe County Schools**

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, is pleased to announce that the East Irondequoit School District and the Fairport Central School District have been awarded a combined total of \$962,624 in federal funding for their physical education programs.

The funding will be administered by the Department of Education, through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program.

**"Today, more children than ever are struggling with health consequences resulting from a lack of physical activity in their lives,"** Rep. Slaughter said. **"We need our schools to get kids outside and active again, so that good health will go hand in hand with a good education."**

The East Irondequoit School District will receive \$461,647 to be used between September 20, 2006 and September 29, 2007.

The Fairport Central School District will receive \$500,977 to be used between September 30, 2006 and September 29, 2007.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides funds to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to initiate, expand and improve physical education programs for students in one or more grades K through 12.

Physical education is an important safeguard against childhood obesity, and has been shown to have a positive effect on children's self-esteem.

To learn more about the Carol M. White program, [click here](#) .

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