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Rep. Slaughter Announces \$400,000 in Federal Funding for the Niagara Falls City School District

Money Will Be Used To Expand School Counseling Programs

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the

House Committee on Rules, today is pleased to announce that the Niagara Falls City School District will receive a \$400,000 federal grant to expand school counseling programs.

“Effective counseling programs are an important tool for establishing positive school environments and improving student achievement,” said Rep. Slaughter. **“I am pleased that the School District will use this federal funding to develop critical counseling services that will enhance our student’s academic experience and set them on the path for future successes.”**

The Niagara Falls City School District was selected by the Department of Education to receive the grant money under the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program beginning next month.

BACKGROUND

Grantees under the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program will use funds to support counseling programs in target elementary schools. These schools will establish or expand counseling programs by hiring qualified school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists, with a goal of expanding the range, availability, quantity, and quality of counseling services available. Counseling services will use a developmental, prevention approach, and will be designed and implemented with the involvement of parents.

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