

## **Rep. Slaughter Announces \$99,810 Grant for the Grand Island Central School District**

### **Government Funds will Support Emergency Response Plans and Training**

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Education's Emergency Response and Crisis Management Program has awarded \$99,810 to the Grand Island Central School District under the Emergency Response Plans for School Safety Initiative Program. The grant will help to fund the school's emergency response and crisis management programs.

**"We need to be able to send our children to school every day with the confidence that they will feel secure while they are there and return home safely,"** Rep. Slaughter said.

**"Emergency response programs are essential to achieving this goal, and that is why grants such as this one are so important and so appreciated,"** she added.

The Emergency Response and Crisis Management Program supports local education agencies in their efforts to improve and strengthen school emergency response and crisis management plans. This support includes training school personnel and students in emergency response procedures, helping schools coordinate their efforts with local agencies and state Homeland Security Plans, producing a plan for communicating emergency response policies and reunification procedures to parents and guardians, and helping schools to take into consideration the needs of students with disabilities during an emergency situation. Emergency

plans are required to address the four phases of crisis response planning: Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.