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James L. Seward

## Grant Will Provide Moravia School Students With Tools They Need To Succeed

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**MORAVIA, 09/09/13** – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that a recently adopted senate resolution includes, at his insistence, \$43,000 to assist **Moravia Central School** with expenses related to new curriculum demands.

**“Our schools are faced with growing financial demands while, at the same time, student needs are also on the rise,”** said Senator Seward. **“I am pleased to partner with Moravia Central School in ensuring that our students have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and thrive when they leave.”**

The legislative grant secured by Senator Seward is being used to purchase text books and other supplies necessary to meet new curriculum requirements. The revised standards have placed new needs on all grades from preK – 12th grade. Remaining funds will be utilized by the school's successful agriculture program and to help prepare students for future computer testing requirements.

**“This grant, along with the commitment demonstrated by the Moravia teachers everyday and during their recent contract negotiation, benefits students in the classroom, and helps ease the property tax burden our businesses and homeowners are struggling to shoulder,”** Seward added.

Moravia Central School Superintendent Michelle Brantner said, “Our teachers and faculty work extremely hard to educate every student that walks through our doors. It is a task that is constantly changing, and we need to evolve as well. Senator Seward recognizes the challenges we face as a small school district and is working with us to confront and surpass those challenges.”

**“I have consistently fought to ensure local schools receive their fair share of state aid. Recently the discussion has focused on the gap elimination adjustment (GEA) which has hurt Moravia and schools in similar communities. This year’s state budget included a substantial reduction in the GEA, a major victory. Next year I will continue the battle, and expect even better results,”** Seward concluded.