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Trump Administration Invests \$57.8 Million of Community Facility Direct Loans into Vermont Public School

Investment to Help Winooski School District Provide Essential Infrastructure for K-12 Students

WINOOSKI, VT, August 5, 2020 – The Trump Administration today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$57.8 million to build a new campus for the Winooski School District in Winooski, Vermont.

Trump Administration Official & Vermont State Director Anthony Linardos announced the project earlier today. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA has been working tirelessly to be a strong partner to rural Vermont in building stronger and healthier communities," he said. "The new school and essential infrastructure repair will benefit the children, parents, and teachers of Winooski for generations to come, and we are extremely proud to be a part of it."

Funds will be used to renovate and upgrade existing facilities, build new additions, and redesign the school grounds for improved continuity and integration with the surrounding community. Through its Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, USDA Rural Development is providing and securing all funding for the initiative.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit <u>www.rd.usda.gov</u>.

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